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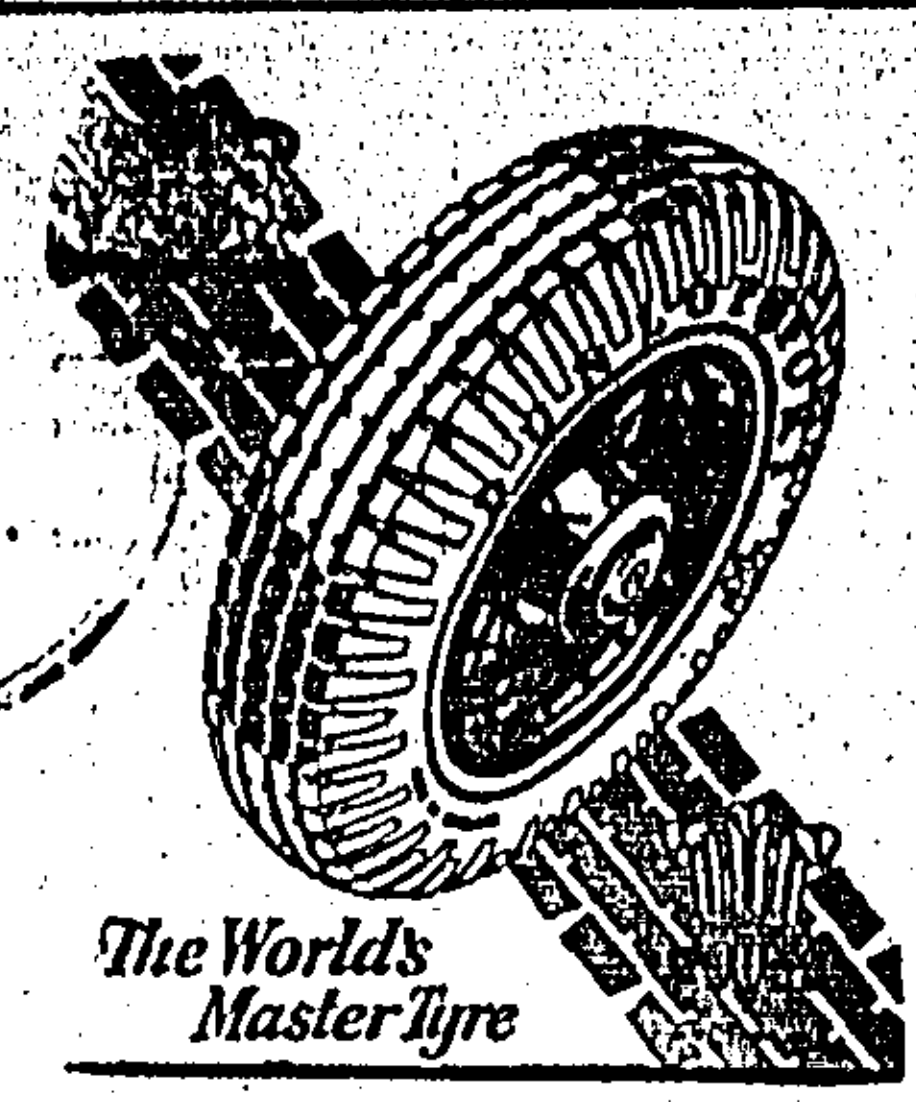
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## BLOODY FIGHTING ON HWAI RIVER BANKS

### HEAVY SHELLING FORCES CHINA'S ARMY TO RETIRE

### Every Inch of Ground Stubbornly Contested

Shanghai, Feb. 14.

The long-heralded battle for the Lunghai railway, which promises to be the biggest engagement of the present war unless the Chinese lines collapse, has approached nearer with dramatic suddenness in consequence of sweeping Japanese advances.

The Chinese retreat from the River Hwai followed a bitter struggle in which their defence works were pounded by artillery and aeroplanes, and almost completely destroyed.

Official despatches claim seizure by the Japanese in a battle for the River Hwai, of 173 machine-guns of Czechoslovakian make, 360 rifles, one trench mortar, and 75,000 rounds of ammunition, while the Chinese are stated to have left 1,500 dead on the field.

The Chinese claim that more than 1,000 Japanese were killed in the engagement.

Another severe battle is now being fought across the banks of the River Hwai with the Chinese so far preventing all Japanese attempts to cross the river.—*Reuter*.

**Japanese Advances**

Hankow, Feb. 14.

The Chinese have blown up the railway bridge spanning the Hwai River, and are now facing the Japanese, who are exchanging fire with them from the southern bank of the river.

Japanese forces operating in south Hwai, captured Puyang only 10 miles from the nearest point on the Lunghai railway, and are continuing their advance towards the Yellow River. The occupation of Puyang marked an advance of more than 40 miles since the Japanese, breaking a three-months deadlock, launched a drive from Tientsin six days ago.

The Japanese apparently aim at crossing the Yellow River for an attack on Kaifeng which is only ten miles south of the great waterway. An advancing column is now heading along the highway leading to Chungyuan, and from there, presumably, it will press on to Fenchia, a (Continued on Page 12.)

### STOP PRESS CHINESE CAPTURE FENGYANG

Hsuehchow, Feb. 14.

Military advices received here late last night revealed that Fengyang, strategic city on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway five kilometres south-east of Pengpu, was recaptured by the Chinese troops yesterday morning.

The important success was achieved by the Chinese forces after an all night battle in which the Japanese garrison was annihilated.

The capture of Fengyang, it was pointed out, has cut off contact of the Japanese forces at Pengpu and Tientsin.

Fierce fighting continued in the vicinity of Hwaiyuan, where the tide of war has turned in favour of the Chinese.

Over 100 Japanese troops were ambushed and slain by Chinese forces in a hill three miles from Tientsin on Saturday afternoon.—*Central News*.

**ISHBEL MACDONALD SOON TO WED**

London, Feb. 13.

The engagement of Miss Ishbel MacDonald, daughter of the late Mr. Ramsey MacDonald, is announced today. She will marry Mr. Norman Ridgely, 34, a house decorator, and the ceremony will take place shortly.—*Reuter*.

(Further Stop Press News on Page 12.)

## U.S. Cruisers Arrive for Singapore Ceremony

WHEN LOYALISTS CAPTURED TERUEL



After severe fighting in intense cold, Loyalist troops entered Teruel and commenced "mopping up" operations some time ago. Since then they have suffered reverses on the Teruel front and their gains have been discounted; but for a time they were in the ascendancy and there was great slaughter. Hundreds were killed in the street fighting.

### AUSTRO-GERMAN TALKS FAIL TO PRODUCE COMPLETE AGREEMENT

Berlin, Feb. 13.

Despite the silence maintained in official circles, it is understood from well-informed diplomatic quarters, that in view of the extensive scope of the problems discussed by Herr Adolf Hitler and Dr. Kurt von Schuschnigg Austrian Chancellor, it has not been possible to reach agreement on all details.

Hope, however, is held out that in the near future there will be unanimity of opinion on all matters now outstanding.

It is understood that it was agreed to maintain the fundamental principles of the Austro-German agreement of July 11 last, despite the various obstacles confronting an agreement.

Herr von Papen returned to Vienna with Dr. Schuschnigg, the Austrian statesman.—*Reuter*.

**VON RIBBENTROP REPORTED ON WAY TO ITALY**

Another surprising diplomatic move became known this afternoon by the arrival of Herr von Ribbentrop at Brenner, en route to Rome. Five Italian officials awaited the coming of the German Foreign Minister.

However, a Berlin message says that the report that Herr von Ribbentrop had gone to Italy has been officially and categorically denied. It was stated in Berlin that Herr von Ribbentrop was at present on his way to the German capital.—*Reuter*.

**STRAIGHT TALKING BY SCHUSCHNIGG**

Vienna, Feb. 13.

It is learned here that Dr. Kurt von Schuschnigg put Austria's case with some energy during yesterday's conversations with Herr Hitler, and it is believed each statesman said "No" to the other's principal requests.

Herr Hitler declined to disassociate himself, the Nazi Party and the Reich from the Austrian illegal Nazis, while Dr. Schuschnigg refused to join in the anti-Comintern Pact.

A long discussion on economic questions was also believed to have been unfruitful. Dr. Schuschnigg reported that he had declined the proposal that Austria should buy all its coal exclusively from Germany.

Austrian satisfaction in the talks is due to the feeling that the conversations, while not involving Austria in commitments inconsistent with her independence and the preservation of her status quo in Central Europe, have at least allowed a clearing of the atmosphere. A meeting of the Cabinet is probably being held to-morrow, and any definite Cabinet reshuffle is likely to be postponed until something more definite emerges from the Berlin-Garden talks.—*Reuter*.

### Navy Building Conversations To Continue

London, Feb. 13.

Japan's reply to Britain regarding naval building has been received in London, but as yet there has been no time for consideration of the reply by British officials.

It is understood that consultations between Britain, France and America which started before the query was put to Japan, will be continued, and it is pointed out that as Germany and Russia are linked to the Naval Treaty of 1936, there will, obviously, at some later date, have to be communications with these two Powers.—*Reuter*.

### JAPANESE RUSH TO SHANGHAI

Special Vessels To Cope With Traffic

Shanghai, Feb. 14.

With all roads from Japan leading to Shanghai, the N.Y.K. has been compelled to charter additional vessels to cope with the rush of passengers and cargo to the Whangpoo port, according to a Japanese press report.

Of three newly chartered ships, the Mikagesan Maru, Saito Maru, and No. 10, the Mikagesan Maru was the first to arrive in Shanghai to-day. The second vessel is due on February 17. In addition to these vessels, the Chikago Maru, Arima Maru and Yamagata Maru are already plying between Japanese ports and Shanghai.

The first liner from Europe to call at Shanghai will be the Katori Maru which is due in port on March 20.

Incoming vessels bring an average of 500 passengers and a vast quantity of fish, vegetables and other necessities for the local Japanese community. Ships returning to Japan carry few passengers and practically no freight. Only between 10 and 20 per cent. of available passengers and cargo space is booked on ships returning to Japan.—*Reuter*.

### Rescue Ship In Sight Of Polar Party

Messages Exchanged With Flash Lamps

Moscow, Feb. 13.

Using high explosive to blast her way through thick ice, the ice-breaker Taimyr has established close contact with the Russian scientists who are drifting helplessly.

The rescuers exchanged flashlight messages with the isolated party.

The condition of the ice will not yet permit the use of aeroplanes to take the scientists off their precarious floe, but the Taimyr is making for a floe which is believed to be located two miles away and which, it is hoped, will be suitable for landing a light aeroplane.—*Reuter Special*.

### Indians Fete Political Leader

Haripura, Feb. 13.

Subhaschandra Bose, President-elect of the Indian National Congress, was welcomed by 100,000 men and women, mostly peasants, when he arrived here for the annual session of Congress, which is being held next week-end.

The Indian political leader made his entry into the town along a five-mile route, seated in an 80-year old chariot, drawn by 51 caparisoned bullocks.

A bamboo city to accommodate 100,000 people has been erected near Haripura for the Congress.—*Reuter Service*.

### "OUR ATTENDANCE HAS NO INTERNATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE"

Rear-Admiral Townsend Visit Only "Nice, Friendly Gesture"

Singapore, Feb. 13.

Three United States cruisers, the Trenton, Memphis and Milwaukee, have arrived at the naval base for the opening of the new dock to-morrow, after 13 days non-stop trip from Sydney.

Official calls were exchanged between Rear-Admiral Townsend and Vice-Admiral Ramsay.

The United States ships are not participating in the opening ceremony, but it is expected they will be full-dressed for the occasion.

Rear-Admiral Townsend stated: "We are merely lookers-on. Our attendance is a nice, friendly gesture, but it has no international significance."—*Reuter*.

### 20 NATIONS CONDEMN JAPANESE AGGRESSION

London, Feb. 13.

Twenty-nations were represented on the platform at a mass meeting attended by 2,500, at Covent Garden Opera House to-day, at which Lord Cecil presided, and condemned Japanese aggression as "a deliberate attempt by Japan to enforce her will by arms, irrespective of all international control."

### STRONG SYMPATHY FOR CHINA

London, Feb. 13.

At the General Assembly of the International Peace Campaign in London to-day, Dr. Wellington Koo, Chinese Ambassador to France, and leading delegate to the League of Nations, said that the international rally had greatly heartened China.

M. Grumbach, a French Deputy, said the most peaceful country in the world had been invaded and made the victim of a policy of aggression. The burden of shame which had been added to that of Abyssinia and Spain must be removed. In the interests of their own national security, they should apply an embargo.

Mr. McLeod of Canada, in introducing the report of the Propaganda Committee said it was argued that a boycott would starve the Japanese people, but that was not true, as Government action would follow if the boycott was sufficiently widespread.

Lady Gladstone presented the report of the Consumers' Committee, which proposed that a boycott must be immediately organised. One of the most important of the recommendations was that people should sign a declaration not to purchase Japanese goods.

### APPEAL TO WOMEN

Mr. Noel Baker, M.P., intimated that they would point out to the women in the democratic countries that 90 per cent. of the world's silk came from Japan, and would ask them not to buy silk for some time to come. He would do all he could to introduce a Bill in Parliament stipulating that Japanese goods must be marked as Japanese.

The Trade Union Committee report differed on the boycott issue from the original draft, and even the modification, which was finally adopted, failed to secure the support of the

A collection on behalf of China realised £345.

Lord Cecil added that their purpose was to stop war, and if they did not succeed he urged citizens of all the countries represented at the meeting to clear themselves of complicity in the Japanese crime.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, M.P., said they had no quarrel with the people and Government of Japan, but they wanted the economic and financial resources of the peaceful nations of the world to be used for other purposes than those of war. Mr. Morrison advocated an international police force and urged that they should not advance loans to Japan.

M. Jean Perrin, speaking on behalf of the scientists of the world, said: "For our own sakes we must help China if we do not want to become the slaves of the Asiatic world, which had become totalitarian."

**CHINA IS HOPE OF WORLD**

Mr. Quo Tai-chi, Chinese Ambassador to London, declared that the militant spirit of outraged liberalism runs again, and that China must be the world's hope, and not the world's reproach. The world should guarantee that war materials would reach China and not Japan.

"In our day peace must be a stern thing, positive and not passive. Save peace and save China are one and the same thing."

**DR. WELLINGTON KOO'S POINTED SPEECH**

Dr. Wellington Koo said the Covenant of the League was not an ineffective instrument to prevent war, but its effectiveness depended on the loyalty of the members of the League. Its ineffectiveness to deal with the (Continued on Page 4.)

Swedish and Norwegian delegates. The modification, instead of supporting a boycott as stated in the draft, expressed willingness to help China. But not being qualified to impose responsibility on their central trade union organisation, the delegates suggested that "every avenue be explored regarding the possibility of a boycott."

Mr. Gunnar Andersson, co-President of the Swedish Trade Union Confederation, said the Swedish and Norwegian delegates had not supported the resolution as they were not empowered to do so by their unions.—*Reuter*.



# TIME and MONEY SAVERS

By Mrs. Bardell

**E**CONOMY week in the kitchen! So much extra has been spent on puddings, cakes and mince, both in time and money, for the festive season that we must make up for it in other directions.

But not at the expense of the family health. There's no need for this when appetizing and satisfying dishes can be produced at a smaller cost, often with the help of left-overs in the larder.

Here are my time and money savers for this week's economy menu.

## Meat & Vegetable Roll

A little cold meat and some cooked vegetables make this savoury dish.

Mince the cold meat, add the cold cooked mashed potatoes and cabbage, or two chopped carrots, parsnips or turnips, previously cooked.

Season the mixture with a pinch of mixed herbs, pepper and salt, and add a cupful of soaked and mashed bread, or cold, left-over porridge.

Add a chopped onion and moisten with melted dripping or a little meat extract mixed with water. Form into a roll, tie in a scalded and floured cloth, and tie both ends securely.

Boil for 1½ hours. Turn out on to a hot dish and serve with gravy.

## Bacon & Bean Pie

Small pieces of cold boiled or fried bacon help to make this tasty and popular pie.

Cut the bacon into small pieces and place in a greased dish. Add the contents of a small tin of beans in tomato sauce and a cupful of stock.

Cover with mashed potatoes, roughen the top, then bake in a moderate oven for half an hour.

Serve with thick brown gravy.

## Cod & Macaroni

An inexpensive family fish dish with a different flavour.

Ingredients: 2oz. macaroni, 2lb. cod, 3oz. breadcrumbs, ½pt. milk, egg, half a teaspoonful chopped parsley, salt, pepper, butter.

Break up the macaroni and cook in boiling, salted water for 10 minutes, then strain.

Wash the cod and put it into a large greased casserole. Season with salt, pepper and the parsley. Arrange macaroni and breadcrumbs in alternate layers on the fish.

Heat, but do not boil, the milk; add to the beaten egg and pour over the macaroni. Sprinkle with crumbs and dot with butter. Cover and bake for 20 minutes.

## Haddock Savoury

FOUR tablespoonfuls smoked haddock (cooked);

Two tablespoonfuls white sauce;

Four rounds of buttered toast;

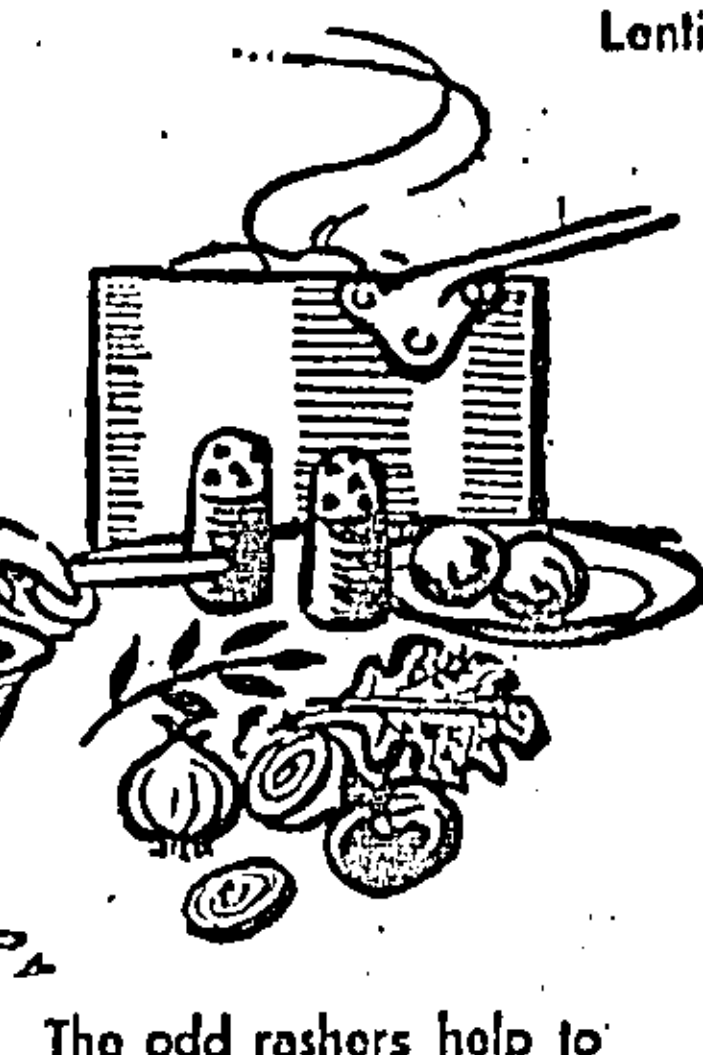
One tomato;

A little pickle; pepper.

Flake the haddock with a fork, removing skin and bone. Mix with the sauce and season with pepper. Pile on the toast and lay a slice of tomato on each. Decorate with a little chopped pickle and cook in a brisk oven for 10 minutes.



Lentil and vegetable cutlets are tasty.



The odd rashers help to make a savoury pie.

an hour. Regulate mark 5. Remove lid to brown top for last 10 minutes.

## Onion & Lentil

These savoury cutlets are satisfying.

To make them wash 1lb. lentils, put into a pan and cover with cold water. Simmer until soft, then mash.

Melt some frying fat in a pan, add 2 chopped onions, and fry until a golden brown.

Stir in the cooked lentils, a cupful of breadcrumbs, a little chopped bacon or ham, a tablesp. of sauce, seasoning, and a beaten egg, keeping back a little of the latter.

Mix well together, brush over with the rest of the beaten egg, coat with breadcrumbs or a thin layer of mashed potatoes, and fry in deep hot fat. Drain and serve on fried bread.

## Vegetable Pie

This is a health-giving dish.

Mix together some mashed potatoes, carrots, cauliflower or chopped cabbage, cooked peas or beans and a cupful of boiled rice. Pour into a greased dish, sprinkle with chopped onion, and cover with stock.

Cover with a top of rough puff pastry, and bake in a hot oven for twenty to thirty minutes.

## Apple Batter

Now for some sweets. Apple batter is quickly made.

Make the batter with 4oz. flour, a pinch of salt, 2oz. sugar, 1oz. shredded

suet, one egg and a little milk. Beat the ingredients, mix and allow to stand for half an hour, then pour into a hot, greased tin. Sprinkle in the thinly sliced apples, with sugar to sweeten and a pinch of grated nutmeg. Cook in a fairly hot oven for thirty minutes.

## Fruit Drink

Don't waste the apple peels; they make this excellent fruit drink.

Wash the apples before peeling and dry with a cloth, then put the peelings and cores into a pan, add four cloves, and cover with cold water. Bring to

the boil, then simmer until the peels are soft. Strain and add honey to sweeten, then heat up again with the juice of a lemon.

**Bread Pudding**  
With the end of a loaf and some fruit I make this.

Soak the stale pieces of bread in cold water for half an hour, then strain the water away and mash the bread with a fork.

Grease a pudding basin and line with a layer of the soaked bread, then add some sliced apple or any other fruit liked—either bottled or canned.

Add sugar to taste, and fill up with more soaked bread. Tie a cloth over the basin and boil for 1½ hours. Turn out and serve with hot custard.

This pudding is often eaten cold, sprinkled with caster sugar.

**Left-Over Pudding**  
What remains of the suet pudding can always be served again; and it needn't be hard on the outside!

Put the pudding back into the basin, and fill with a little more cooked fruit, adding a little water and sugar to sweeten (or syrup, if it was a treacle pudding).

Place an inverted saucer over the top, then stand the basin in a pan of boiling water. The water should come only half-way up to the brim.

Heat gently, then serve with custard.

**INDIAN TOAST**  
Cut up one slice of buttered toast into six even-sized fingers and spread a little curry paste on each one.

The paste is made in this way:—Put ½ oz. butter into a pan and allow to become smoking hot; then add ½ teaspoon curry powder and fry it lightly to revive the flavour; allow to cool slightly and then add 1 well-beaten egg, 1 teaspoon chopped capers, 1 tablespoonful cream or milk, and a pinch of salt and pepper; stir all well together over the heat, but do not allow it to become thick, just creamy. Put a little of the mixture on each finger and smooth it with a knife. Decorate with chopped parsley, and serve hot.

**MIDGE: First Aid**

"Please, can't I have it in a sling?"

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## MAKING MIRRORS GLEAM

**UNLESS** a mirror is well groomed and shining, it is neither useful nor decorative.

The strategic position of your mirror is certainly important. Its practical capacity demands that it has a really good light. Of next importance is absolute cleanliness.

To keep the surface bright, dust thoroughly each day, and once a week go over the surface with a leather wrung out of tepid water to which has been added just a little methylated spirits.

Newspapers crumpled until they are soft will give a masterly polish.

Grandmother's method to keep her mirrors bright was to polish with a piece of flannel dipped in powdered blue. This method still has points, as you will find a surface so treated remains bright for a long time.

During a spell of foggy weather mirrors often look cloudy and dull. Forestall them by this simple treatment. Wring a cloth out in warm water, sprinkle it with glycerine and then apply it gently to the surface of the mirror. The glycerine forms a fine film over the glass which keeps it unbelievably bright and clear.

**Cleaning the Corners**  
When cleaning a mirror, watch the corners. A sensible idea is to use a meat skewer. Wrap the point in a piece of cotton wool and poke out the dust from the corners.

Mirrors are temperamental. Be careful where you place them. They loathe damp, and suspended on a damp wall for instance, they will most certainly spoil. But this danger can be averted by fixing a piece of cork to the bottom of the frame at the back, large enough to prevent the mirror actually touching the wall.

If you find that the mirror in your spare room has become stained and smeared through being allowed to lead its own carefree existence, treat it like this:—Make it a "face pack" of fine whiting and methylated spirits, apply with a soft rag and rub well in. When it is quite dry, wipe it off with a duster, and polish briskly.

Spirit of wine is also effective in dealing with very obstinate marks. Sponge the mirror with this and then sprinkle the damp surface with French chalk. Wipe off, and give a final polish. The result will be gratifying.

**For the Frames**  
Mirror frames must be treated very gently. A cut lemon is useful for cleaning a mirror which has a gilt frame. Rub this over and then sponge the frame with water to which a tablespoonful of baking soda has been added to each pint of water. Rub off gently with a soft cloth and polish with a chamomile leather.

White enamel frames should be washed in warm soapy water, only do not make them too wet. Rinse in warm water and dry carefully.

Lacquered frames which have lost their gloss will respond to a cleaning with warm water and a little lemon juice, and then a good rubbing with a clean flannel. Dry in a warm place and finally polish with a soft leather.

An ordinary wooden frame demands only furniture cream, and that used sparingly. A final brisk polish with a leather will restore it completely.

**M. W.**

**A SPECIMEN CASE**  
Case No. A.2166

A boy eleven days old, ninth child of a family of whom only one is alive: father ill and out of work for three months; mother begs for rice from shops. The family has lived in Hong Kong for over ten years. Baby was under-nourished as mother could not feed it adequately. Milk was supplied for the family: the father was helped to hawk and the mother was fed with soup.

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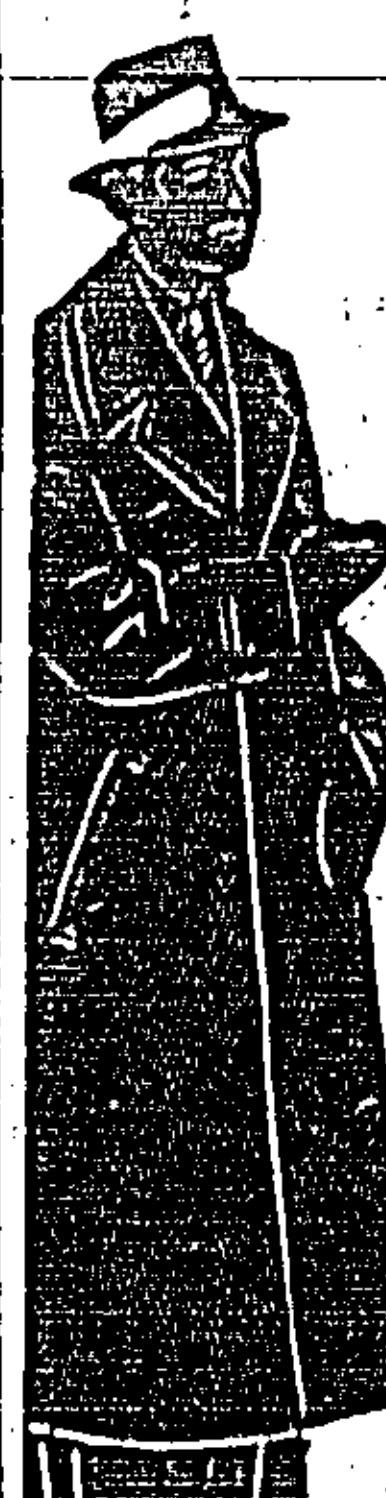


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The time-saving kettle for the average gas stove or ring or hob is made for rapid boiling. It is entirely of copper, chromium-plated, and boils two quarts of water in three and a half minutes. It is a trifle heavier than the ordinary kettle, but is not easily upset.

A gas heater which can be fitted to the wall heats water in three degrees—boiling (for tea-making in 40 seconds), hot, and warm, in different time-limits, varying of course with the quantity of water required at one time.

Until now, water so heated has never been entrusted to tea-making.

## Space

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Space-saving are the chromium tea and coffee cosies which clip around tea and coffee pots. Felt-lined, these cosies banish the need for the old-fashioned cosy and retain the heat most effectively.

These chromium jackets can be put away on the tea or coffee pot and so require no more space.

The new key-watch. The watch is fitted into the wide end of the key, its winder protected. Time-saving too, because you will always take more care of a watch than a key, and know where to find it.

## Labour

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Among other gadgets worth introducing into the home just now an inhaling mask which is placed over the nose in cases of colds and catarrh, and can be attached to a protected hot bottle for steam inhalation in the event of bronchitis.

The labour-saving of this is not obscure—sickness in the house brings pressure on those who climb the stairs.

Home-dressmaking—hours can be saved by using pinking shears instead of hand-rolling or French seaming the inside seams.

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# WANTS TO BE "POOR MEN'S RULER"

## Virginia Shouts At Laurel

New York. Stan Laurel, perplexed-looking half of the Laurel and Hardy film comedy team, kissed his new wife, Virginia, in a car, good morning, rushed to his car, and drove to Hollywood studios.

His honeymoon, disturbed by the pursuit of the former Mrs. (Virginia) Laurel during the week-end, was over, but the trouble continued. Virginia burst into town yelling at Laurel and at Illiana, and called for lawyers on all sides. Laurel continued his policy of flight.

To avoid a stormy scene he concealed his new wife in a baggage car when he drove to his home late last night.

All to-day Illiana remained indoors. Laurel refused to see Virginia or her representative on the set, said, "My marriage is O.K.; we will have a new honeymoon later."

## Billion Candle-Power Beam From Arc

Stanford University, Cal. Jan. 30.

A mercury arc light, no larger than a kitchen match, but which, with a 36-inch reflector, produces a beam of more than one billion candlepower, has been perfected here.

The light thrown from the match-like tube is greater than that given off by any searchlight developed to date.

So great are the possibilities of this new invention that it has already attracted the attention not only of military authorities at Washington but also those of foreign countries as well.

Medical men also are investigating its possibilities for medical use, especially in the treatment of skin disease.

The lamp had its scientific premiere when it was demonstrated before some 100 physicists attending the meeting here of the American Physics Society.

The lamp consists of a small quartz tube, not big enough even to serve as a cigarette holder, inside of which there is a drop of mercury and two wire terminals, all sealed.

A current of 1½ amperes, passed through at 1,000 volts, is all that is necessary to produce a beam of one billion candlepower.

When the lamp is used for extreme brilliancies, it develops an interior pressure of 15,000 pounds per square inch. It is then necessary to encase it in a water-cooled chamber in which a counteracting pressure of 15,000 pounds per square inch can be developed in order to keep the tiny lamp from bursting.

Besides the military and medicate uses which are already envisioned for the lamp, it is believed that it will find a definite place at Hollywood and also in television. In the Hollywood studios it can be used to light up the faces of players without causing them the intense discomfort of the hot Klieg lights.—United Press.

## GIRL'S MOVE WINS CHESS GAME AFTER TWENTY-TWO YEARS

A girl travelled from Hull to London recently to complete a game of chess which began by post 22 years ago.

She made one move, won in a winning position, his letters suddenly ceased.

Lieut.-Commander Rogers wondered why—until he learned that his opponent had died in action.

The lieutenant-commander left the chess board untouched, with the pieces pegged.

At that time Lieutenant McNamee's only child was a baby in arms.

It was that baby, now 23 years old, who recently travelled 400-odd miles to win the game—in one move.

Letters containing moves were posted regularly. Then, with Lieut. McNamee

## Officer And Wife Fight Hotel Thief

AIDED BY HIS WIFE, A BRITISH EX-NAVAL OFFICER ROUTED A NEW YORK BURGLAR RECENTLY.

### OFFICERS MAY LOSE BATMEN

### PLAN FOR PAYMENT OF ALLOWANCES

Officers in some British regiments may lose their batmen.

The shortage of men in the Army has caused the War Office to review the position, and in some cases, it is stated, it might be essential, in the interests of the training and military efficiency of units, to withdraw batmen from officers.

As an experimental measure, it has been decided that where, owing to the shortage of personnel, the strength of privates, troopers, etc., in a unit is 25 per cent. or more below establishment, the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief may authorise servant allowances, although the establishment includes batmen.

MAINTENANCE NEEDS There are many cases where it is not practicable for officers to have the services of soldiers as batmen, because of the necessity of the available men being engaged all their time on military training.

This may arise particularly in units which are completely mechanised, and in horsed units where the em-

A bedroom in the fashionable Wyndham Hotel was the scene of the struggle.

Captain Kingsley G. Howe, who is 54 years old, woke about two a.m. to see a man creeping towards the dressing-table, where Mrs. Howe's jewels, worth several hundred pounds, were lying.

Jumping out of bed, the captain tackled the burglar, who fought back. Mrs. Howe then joined in the struggle.

Between them they were able to beat off the intruder. The police later arrested a man, whose name is given as David Williams, aged 23.

The hotel was in an uproar during the fight. Mrs. Frances Redfield, Captain Howe's daughter—bearing the noise, rushed to the assistance of her parents. She entered their room just as the burglar fled from it.

ployment of a minimum number of personnel is essential for maintenance.

Once that minimum was reached, it is stated, batmen could be found only by laying up horses or vehicles, with consequent detriment to training and the organisation of the unit.

Officers are reminded that the allotment of a soldier to an officer as batman did not imply that the soldier was to be exempted from all other duties.

## Pretender To French Throne Gives Interview

By STEPHEN HOUSE

Brussels.

The Comte de Paris, Pretender to the French throne, told me as we sat in his Brussels home recently that the first thing he would do if he became King would be to put France on a co-operative basis and encourage social reforms.

"My father (the Duce de Guise) and I are not opposed to Socialism," he said. "We have looked with great favour on several of the reforms which the Popular Front Government has carried out.

## EMPIRE NEWS

### THE CASE AGAINST ALBERTA

Ottawa. The hearing before the Canadian Supreme Court on the power of the Dominion Government to disallow Alberta legislation began to-day.

The Credit of Alberta Regulation Act was disallowed by the Dominion Government on Aug. 17 last. Thereupon Alberta's Social Credit Premier, Mr. Aberhart, introduced three bills—one dealing with taxation of banks, another with credit regulation, and a third with control of the Press.

To these the Lt.-Governor of Alberta, Capt. J. C. Bowen, withheld his consent. His power to do this is also before the court.

To-day Mr. Alme Geoffrion, counsel for the Dominion, argued that the constitutional growth of Canada into an autonomous State, with limited powers of self-government, had not changed the statutory relationships between the Dominion and the provinces.

Senate Vacancies.—Vacancies in the Canadian Senate now number six, following the death of Senator Alme Bernard. The Conservative lead in the Senate is still substantial.

### AUSTRALIA

### AIR FORCE CRASHES

Sydney. Mr. Thorby, Minister for Defence in the Federal Cabinet, states that the technical committee which has been inquiring into the Air Force crashes of Hawker Demon machines obtained from Britain has reported that there is no fault to be found with the mechanical and general efficiency of the planes.

It is now known that there were nine accidents in Hawker Demon two seater fighters supplied from England. One pilot was killed and six other members of crews were injured.

The accidents appeared to be due almost entirely to poor mechanical supervision on the ground, resulting in failure of wheel brakes.

Flying-Boat Services.—Five thousand persons, including Cabinet Ministers, welcomed the Imperial Airways flying-boat Centaurus, which arrived to-day at Rose Bay, Sydney, after a flight of 10 hours from Auckland, New Zealand. Mr. Thorby states that all Australian flying-boat bases will be ready in June. Temporary bases will be ready in April.

### INDIA

### RAILWAYS RETURN TO PROSPERITY

Calcutta. The annual report of the Railway board, issued to-day, confirms the fact that the Indian railways have definitely emerged from years of depression.

The gross traffic receipts of State owned railways are £72,000,000—An increase of nearly £4,000,000 as compared with the figures for the previous years. After meeting all charges, the net profit is £9,000,000.

The most serious problems which the administration is facing are road competition and illicit travel.

Viceroy in Madras.—The Viceroy, the Marquess of Linlithgow, and the Marchioness of Linlithgow who left Calcutta on Thursday, arrived in Madras to-day. They are on a six weeks' tour.—Reuter.

### KENYA

### ELEPHANT HUNTER FINED

Mombasa. A European was fined and a pair of elephant tusks, which set up a Kenya record for weight, were confiscated by an order in court here to-day.

It appears that a hunter shot and wounded a tusker which escaped. Gunbearers who afterwards discovered the carcass of an elephant brought in the tusks, which weighed 180lb. and 170lb.

It was then discovered that these were not the tusks of the animal shot, and investigations were made by the police.

Lord Bantock's Tour.—The Marquess of Bantock, who is on a tour of the East African colonies, arrived in Mombasa to-day.

"That most of them have turned out to be of little use is not the fault of the Government, but of present-day conditions in France.

"Our country has no leader, no focal point. It needs a King just like you English have. A King would give France the rallying point it needs.

"If I were King of France I would try to be a second Louis IX (the Good King). But I would use more 'flat'."

Ever since he last saw France as a student of 16—he is now 29—the Comte has studied social conditions in the land of his fathers. Always he has been preparing for the day when his people will recall him.

He hates the thought of a coup. Those around him constantly emphasise that neither he nor they have had anything to do with the Cagoulard plot.

"The main problem before France to-day is the improvement of the conditions in which the poor live," the Comte added.

"I would make myself a poor man's King. My ambition is to give back France to the real Frenchmen, and France is rich enough to support forty million happy Frenchmen.

"The privileges of France should go to the real sons of France—the peasants, sons of the soil."

### WAR CROSS

As he spoke my eye travelled toward the centre of the table around which we sat.

On it were two ornaments, one a French War Cross—the Duke's proudest decoration—the other a large glass bowl.

In it was the soil of France.

Here in a chateau of a Brussels suburb is a court, complete in every detail.

The Comte is addressed by his liveried servant as "Monseigneur," and his wife, a Princess of Orleans-Braganza, as if she were Queen of France.

The fleur-de-lis, emblem of the French Kings, is carved on walls, doors and furniture, and decorates carpet and curtain.

## Secret Bid By Foreign Power For Giant Dock

With the greatest secrecy, representatives of a foreign Power are negotiating for the purchase of the world's biggest floating dock the 60,000-ton structure owned by the Southern Railway at Southampton, says the Sunday Express.

While admitting that these representatives have visited Southampton, the Southern Railway state: "It is inexpedient to mention at the moment the name of the Power that wants to buy the dock. To do so might prejudice the chances of a deal." It is denied, however, that Japan is interested.

At the Southern Railway headquarters at Waterloo the Sunday Express was told: "No bids have yet been made for the dock. We understand that its purchase has been considered in Australia and South Africa."

The representatives who have inspected the dock, which has an overall length of 660 feet and covers an area of 3¼ acres, have been supplied with complete details and plan.

Colonies, has arrived here by air and left immediately for Zanzibar.

### SOUTH AFRICA

### BANNED BOOK PLANS

Cape Town. Commenting on the report from London that the publishers of Mr. Stuart Cloete's novel, "Turning Wheels"—of which the import into the Union has been forbidden—intended printing the book in South Africa, Mr. Stuttaford, Minister of the Interior, said that he could not ban such printing.

Mr. Havenga's Opponent.—Mr. Justice Beyer, formerly judge in the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court and Minister of Mines in Gen. Hertzog's first Cabinet of 1924, announced his intention to contest the seat of Orange Free State, as a Nationalist, in the next general election.



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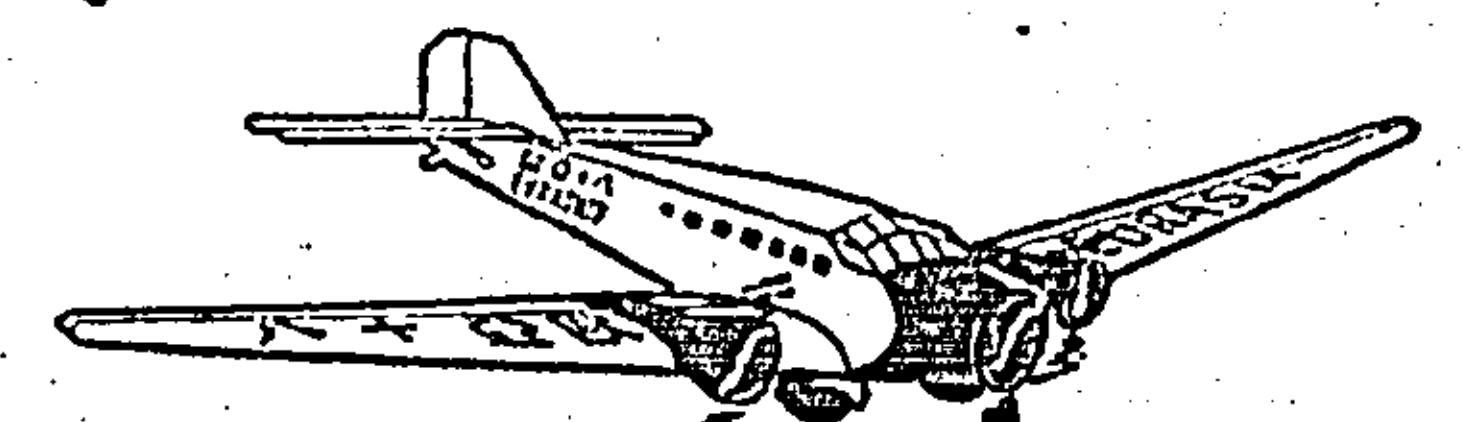
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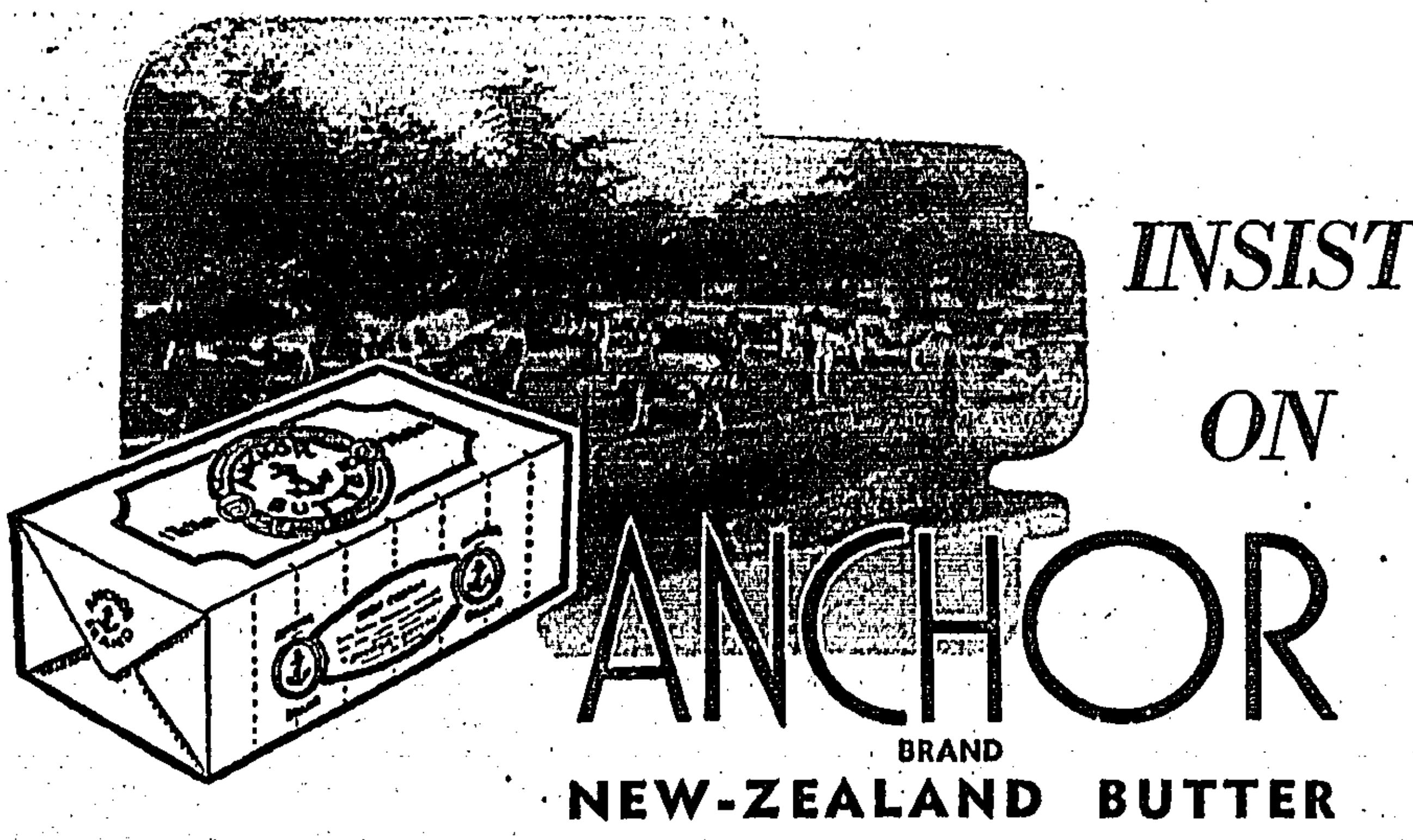
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JAPANESE  
REPLY TO  
POWERSNaval Building  
Information  
Not Available

Tokyo, Feb. 12.

The Japanese replies to the request for information on Japan's naval building programme by Britain, the United States and France, were delivered at the respective Embassies this evening.

Meanwhile, Japanese naval circles here trace the rumours of Japan's alleged building of 43,000-ton capital ships to an interview given by Marshal Balbo, Governor of Libya, to a Japanese journalist and naval critic, Mr. Minsanori Itoh, at Rome on November 30 last.

At the interview, Marshal Balbo and Mr. Itoh are reported to have exchanged views on the technical possibility of building 43,000-ton capital ships, "in view of the plan worked out for construction of 43,000-ton battleships by the Powers before the Washington Naval Conference."

Japan's alleged naval programme, as reported by *Giornale d'Italia*, mouthpiece of Signor Mussolini, on December 3, was apparently based on statements made at this interview. Japanese naval circles emphasize that it is impossible to give information on the naval building programme, "which would be tantamount to qualitative limitation."

They recall that the opinion prevailed in certain naval circles that appropriate measures would be taken to dispel misunderstandings and misgivings abroad regarding the alleged construction of 43,000-ton capital ships. This opinion, they further emphasize, might have taken definite form if only the British, United States and French Governments had appeared to Japan's goodwill in seeking information on her naval building programme, "rather than discuss a joint request to Japan at the initiative of a certain Power."

**PLACING BLAME ON JAPAN**  
Instead, they assert, the three Powers requested of Japan information on her naval building programme which she is under no obligation to give—and set a time limit for her reply.

The impression given the Japanese nation was that the three Powers not only demanded qualitative limitation of the Japanese navy but also attempted to fix the blame on Japan for naval expansion.

The move on the part of Britain, the United States and France is, therefore, in the opinion of Japanese naval circles, "a serious blunder affecting the Japanese nation."

Moreover, it is pointed out that the action of the three Powers in demanding information "immediately stifled the attitude of the Japanese navy at the expense of the moderate view prevailing previously."

"If Britain, the United States and France sincerely desire disarmament," it is pointed out, "they should have taken a conciliatory attitude in approaching Japan, instead of stimulating Japanese public opinion, which now regards the true motives of the three Powers to be a desire to expand their own navies under the pretext of fixing the blame on Japan."

Navy circles are of the opinion that the London Naval Treaty of 1930, "which collapsed with its provisions for qualitative limitation was badly shaken within less than one year of its ratification."

"Japan's formula for establishment of a common upper limit, on the principle of non-menace and non-aggression, was," they contend, "more practical and fair."

Meanwhile, a spokesman of the Admiralty to-day dismissed with laughter the foreign press report that plans for Japan's new naval programme were stolen with great skill in the latter part of November by the agent of a foreign Power—*Reuter*.

## WILL NOT MENACE OTHERS

The reply declares that Japan has no intention whatever of possessing armaments which would menace other countries. The mere communication of information concerning construction, it states, would not contribute towards equitable disarmament in the absence of quantitative limitation and therefore the Japanese Government is unable to comply with the request on the matter.

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falls to see any logical reason for the British Government's assumption that the Japanese Government must be deemed to entertain a scheme for the construction of vessels not conforming with the limits covered by the 1936 Naval Treaty by the mere fact that the Japanese Government was not giving the desired information.

The Japanese Government, the document asserts, is not concerned if the British Government should exercise its rights and invoke the escalator clause of the Naval Treaty, to which Japan is not a party.

A statement made public at the same time as the replies declare that the Japanese Government would regret profoundly if the great naval Powers should undertake more extensive armament construction, "thereby leaving Japan no alternative but to alter her building plans in order to cope with it."

In another statement the Vice Minister of the Navy says that if other countries started naval expansion menacing Japan, Japan may be forced to take the necessary measures to cope with the situation. "I have no doubt," he adds, "that under such circumstances the Japanese people would combine all their efforts for the safety of their country."

The United Press states that the replies to the three Powers did not excite Tokyo newspapers, which refrained from the usual speedy extras.

**FURTHER TALKS FUTILE**  
Washington, Feb. 12. The United States regrets the Japanese reply, stated Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, to-night. He said that the United States Government (Continued on Next Column.)

SINGAPORE  
BASE  
COMPLETEDRemarkable Feat  
Of EngineeringTook 14 Years  
To Build

Singapore, Feb. 13. "Miles of mangrove swamps and poisonous black mud... the naval base simply does not exist. You might at least expect a hole in the ground. There is not even that..." Such were the impressions of a visitor ten years ago to the Singapore naval base which will be officially opened to-morrow with naval ceremonial.

During the past ten years hundreds of British engineers and thousands of Asiatic coolies have been at work on the base transforming the site in the Straits of Johore into a modern naval dockyard, the biggest in British territory east of Suez and one of the most modern in the world.

To-morrow's opening ceremony chiefly concerns the naval base graving dock, the piece of resistance of the base. This dock, which can accommodate the biggest battleship afloat, was completed by the contractors, Sir John Jackson, Ltd. a year or so ago and the Admiralty engineers have now put their finishing touches to the massive structure.

It is built of cement and concrete with granite facings. In appearance it is like a huge Roman auditorium. Acting on instructions from London, government officials in Singapore and the municipality are making preparations for a big reception for the three United States warships, *Tennessee*, *Mississippi* and *Memphis*, which are arriving to-day to attend the opening of the base. A sum of \$2,000 from public funds is being spent on entertaining the officers and men.

## SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

Besides a government banquet and ball at Government House, at which Sir Shenton Thomas, the Governor of the Straits Settlements, will preside a round of entertainment is being organized for the men. Swimming and land sports facilities are being provided and the American community in Singapore is arranging for baseball matches with teams from the warships. The acting United States Consul-General, Mr. T. McEnnelly, is also giving a reception.

Although Singapore naval circles describe as "utterly ridiculous" the Japanese demand for co-operation in advancing the policy of limitation and reduction of armaments and regrets any development which has the effect of encouraging rather than discouraging races in armament building.

It is understood that the United States Government takes the view that there is no further point in trying to engage in talks with Tokyo. At present the Japanese reply is taken to mean that the Japanese will enter into conversations only if the 5-5-3 ratio is scrapped in favour of the common upper limit which Japan demanded at the London Naval Conference.

This limit is totally unacceptable to the United States Government since it entails an increase rather than a reduction of naval building. The next step is likely to be further conversations between Washington, London and Paris in order to decide the extent to which the three Powers will avail themselves of the escalator clause.

Meanwhile well informed quarters say that the United States, in view of the Japanese reply, will assume full liberty of action. This is taken to mean the building of warships of over 35,000 tons.—*Reuter*.

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suggestions in the newspapers that the visit of the United States warships to the naval base ceremony has an importance far beyond that of a normal goodwill visit. The attitude of the Singapore public is that the visit is intended to demonstrate to Japan the common interests of the United States and Great Britain in the Far East. The civil service president of the Singapore Municipal Commission describes the United States naval visit as "exceptional occasion."

It is expected that the three United States cruisers will be moored in the Straits of Johore near the naval base during the ceremony.

British warships at the opening ceremony will include three cruisers, *H.M.S. Dorsetshire* from the China Station flying the flag of Admiral Crabbe who until recently was commanding the British gunboats in the Yangtze, *H.M.S. Norfolk* and *Emerald*, of the East Indies Squadron, under the command of Vice Admiral Sir Alexander Ramsay, as well as *H.M.S. Eagle*, an aircraft carrier, and a large number of destroyers, submarines, and other light naval craft.

## TEN YEARS TO BUILD

The graving dock which Sir Shenton Thomas will open to-morrow is 1,000 feet long and 130 feet wide and has taken nearly ten years to build. Some 8,000,000 square yards of excavation has to be made in preparation for the foundations which are built on piles going down 100 feet to the solid strata below the surface mud.

The dock when flooded holds nearly 70 million gallons of water. It is constructed of concrete and cement facings of granite some of which was brought 8,000 miles from Scotland and some quarried in Johore, nearby.

The contract work on the dock cost \$4,000,000 and the total cost of the base is put at \$12,000,000, not including the cost of the floating dock which has been used by warships while the graving dock was being built or the cost of the fortifications which defend the base. Around the graving dock are built stores basins, a three mile sea wall, plate shops, ammunition stores, gun repairing shops, a 150 ton crane and a powerful radio station.

## FORTIFICATIONS OF BASE

The base itself is defended by fortifications at all strategic points along the coast of Singapore Island, and on islands adjoining, which guard the entrance to the Straits of Johore. There are several 15-inch and 18-inch batteries stated to be the most powerful land fortifications in the world.

Near the naval base is the air base which is the headquarters of the Royal Air Force in the Far East. Only four squadrons are permanently stationed there at present, but plans are in hand for sending big reinforcements as soon as two other aerodromes on the island are completed. A third additional aerodrome available for service purposes is the civil airport, built at a cost of \$1,000,000 and which serves as the headquarters of the volunteer air force planes which do army co-operation work, spotting for the big guns of the land fortifications.

The total cost of the defence works at Singapore is put at between \$20,000,000 and \$30,000,000 and remaining works will cost about another \$15,000,000.

At present only very few warships ever visit the base, but it is believed that the Admiralty intend sending four battleships to Singapore before 1942 when the present British naval rearmament programme is complete. The new graving dock has been built large enough to accommodate a battle fleet. It is suggested that by the time the full programme for Singapore is complete, the island will be as strong as Hawaii and will be the base for as many warships.

There is plenty of room in the Straits of Johore room extensions to the naval base should that be necessary and the original project has been modified and extended several times since it was originally approved by Parliament in 1921. The

UNIVERSITY TO  
REOPEN

Owing to Japanese aggression becoming serious in South China at the end of last year, the National Sun Yat-sun University closed its doors temporarily on December 27.

After successfully accomplishing a programme of food work, the students of the University gradually returned to Canton during the early part of this month and as a result the University will reopen on Thursday, in the Shek-pai campus.

The final examination for the first semester will be held between February 25 and March 3 and all students of the second semester will register on March 4 or 5. Classes will begin the day after registration.

STOCK MARKET  
REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 12.30 p.m. Saturday, reads:—

A fair activity prevailed in the market, with prices ruling firm and in some stocks there is an improvement in rates. Enquiries are general and the undertone steady. Banks changed hands at \$1,485. Hotels at \$500. Dairy Farms at \$25.10. Trams at \$15.75, and Wharves at \$11.75. Manila continues to show a slight advance.

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H.K. Lands \$32½  
Humphreys \$6.70  
H.K. Realities \$5.15  
H. K. Tramways \$15¼  
Peak Trams (Old) \$6¼  
China Lights (New) \$7.45  
Macao Electric \$10¼  
Telephones (Old) \$25.80  
Consent \$15¼  
Dairy Farms \$25.10  
Constructions \$1½  
Marsmans (H.K.) \$/- 4/3

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Hongkong Bank \$1,490  
Peak Trams (New) \$3¼  
Wm. Powell, Ltd. \$0.05

## Sales

Hongkong Bank \$1,480/90 c.d.  
Union Insurance \$501/02  
H.K. & K. Wharves \$117½  
Macao 60 cts.  
Atsuta 20 cts.  
Bangkok Gold 24 cts.  
Benguet Consol Ps.9.00  
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Consolidated Mines 011 cts.  
Demonstrations 43½ cts.  
H. & S. Hotels \$6  
Humphreys \$6¾  
H.K. Tramways \$15¼  
Telephones (Old) \$25.00

contract for the main dockyard work was not let until 1928.—*United Press*.

## WORLD'S SECOND LARGEST

Singapore, Feb. 13. At a cost of \$20,000,000 and after 14 years of difficult work, the great Singapore graving dock and naval base which will open to-morrow is completed. On what was swampy jungle and rubber land has been built the world's second largest graving dock which is guarded by the world's most powerful land batteries and Britain can now safely send her battle fleet east of Suez. With hostilities in the Far East, Singapore has become an important point in the world's war map for, as the focal point of world shipping, Singapore commands the western gateway to the Pacific and ships travelling between Suez and the Far East must travel within a mile of the city.—*Reuter*.

20 NATIONS CONDEMN  
JAPANESE AGGRESSION

(Continued from Page 1.)

Manchuria Incident, the Abyssinian war and the present Chinese war was due to the unwillingness of the more important members of the League to apply the Covenant, and consideration of national interest had been allowed to prevail over the wisdom of upholding the international cause.

In a system of collective security, the nations had to contribute little compared with what they would have to do to defend their interests single-handed. The League could be galvanised into a living force if peace-lovers co-operated and carried out the principles for which the League stood.

## PART OF COVENANT

There was no doubt that a peaceful weapon of boycott was one of

the economic sanctions provided for by the Covenant to restrain aggression.

Mr. Paul Robeson, the famous negro singer sang several "freedom" songs, and was loudly applauded.

The meeting at the Covent Garden Opera House, and an overflow meeting at the Adelphi Theatre, endorsed the resolution passed earlier by the International Peace Campaign.

There was a remarkable scene at the close of the Covent Garden meeting. Viscount Cecil was apparently anxious to wind up with the National Anthem. Some of the audience, however, began singing the Internationale, and most of the audience joined in. Lord Cecil and others on the platform did not participate in the singing. A section of the audience had to wait until the majority had finished singing the Internationale before they could make themselves heard with the National Anthem.—*Reuter*.

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Shanghai	Kiangsu	Mon, Feb. 14, 2.30 p.m.
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Air Mail for Chungking by the "C.N.A.C. Plane"	Reg.	Mon, Feb. 14, 4.15 p.m.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Manila (Seattle date, 28th January)	K. P. O.	Mon, Feb. 14, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Mon, Feb. 14, 5 p.m.
	G. P. O.	Mon, Feb. 14, 5 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Tilawa	Mon, Feb. 14, 5 p.m.
Tuesday		
Manila, Makassar and Sourabaya	Tjandane	Tues, Feb. 15, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Fochow	Seistan	Tues, Feb. 15, 3 p.m.
Amoy	Tsinan	Tues, Feb. 15, 3.30 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Mausang	Tues, Feb. 15, 4 p.m.
	Parcels	Tues, Feb. 15, 4 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A. by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco 23rd Feb.	Reg.	Tues, Feb. 15, 5 p.m.
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	G. P. O.	Tues, Feb. 15, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Tues, Feb. 15, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Tues, Feb. 15, 5 p.m.
Wednesday		
*Swatow, Fochow and Tientsin	Hohow	Wed, Feb. 16, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow and Bangkok	Kalgan	Wed, Feb. 16, 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai and *Japan	Ararat	Wed, Feb. 16, 1.30 p.m.
Thursday		
Swatow and Shanghai	Kwangtung Thurs.	Feb. 17, 8.30 a.m.
Hohow, Pakhoi and Haliphong	Szechuen Thurs.	Feb. 17, 1 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday, Island, 1st March	Change	Thurs, Feb. 17, 3 p.m.
	Parcels	Thurs, Feb. 17, 3 p.m.
	Reg.	Thurs, Feb. 17, 4.15 p.m.
	Reg.	Thurs, Feb. 17, 5 p.m.
Salgon, Ceylon, India, East and President Doumer	G. P. O. and K. P. O.	Thurs, Feb. 17, 5 p.m.
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## FAREWELL PRESENTATION MADE TO CAPT. WESTLAKE AT VOLUNTEERS' DINNER

The annual dinner of the Sergeants' Mess of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps was held at headquarters on Saturday, when Col. N. M. S. Irwin, D.S.O., M.C., G.S.O.I., was the chief guest. He spoke on the important part the Mess played in the good functioning of the Corps.

With the dinner was combined a farewell presentation to Capt. (Q.M.) H. Westlake, M.B.E., D.C.M., of a timepiece and an illuminated address. The recipient, who severs a long connection with the Corps by his departure for home with Mrs. Westlake next Saturday, was carried shoulder high round the room and given musical honours with great enthusiasm.

The Commandant, Col. R. C. B. Anderson, M.C., said the results of his work had convinced him that he was engaged in a job well worth doing. In a reference to recruiting he pointed out that the Volunteer who was untrained at the outbreak of war was of no immediate use and he urged that young men should join the Corps at once.

The dinner was held in gaily decorated surroundings, flags draping all the walls and Corps trophies being displayed on the tables. Among those present in addition to the names mentioned above were R.S.M. T. Parkinson, who presided, Lieut.-Col. H. B. Dowling, O.B.E., former Commandant, Major E. J. R. Mitchell, O.B.E., Capt. S. F. Hedgecock, Adjutant, Major S. Jarvis, M.C., E.D., Capt. C. de S. Robertson, M.M.

After the Loyal Toast, R. S. M. Parkinson proposed the health of the guests in a witty speech. Excusing himself for not reviewing the affairs of the Corps over the last year, he explained that he used to have a good memory when in military service, but since joining the Government he found he did not need one. (Laughter.)

He was glad to welcome Col. Irwin, Col. Anderson, Col. Dowling, the Adjutant and the good representation of all Units of the Garrison. Unfortunately this was limited by accommodation, but they would be glad to learn that negotiations in respect of the new Volunteer Headquarters had reached a stage now when they could confidently expect the building up within the next decade. (Laughter.)

There were many honorary members of the Mess present and he was glad to see Mr. E. W. Hamilton, Garrison Sergeant-Major, who would be leaving soon, and his successor, R. S. M. Estall of the East Surreys. The last named was in the Colony 11 years ago when the East Surreys were stationed here. All the infantry battalions were represented at the dinner.

The Chairman took the opportunity of thanking C. S. M. Edwards, S. M. Gillard, Baptista and Koon for making the arrangements for the evening.

### Commandant Replies

The toast of the guests was acknowledged by Col. Anderson who said he was glad to see so many representatives of units present and to thank them for the work they were doing for the Corps. Their work as instructors must be very monotonous at times, but without their aid no practical headway could be made. It should be remembered too that the work devoted to instruction by these regular Army N. C. Os was all extra duty.

"When I first came here as Adjutant," continued the speaker, "I had no idea what were the duties, what was the purpose of the Corps or to what extent the Volunteer took his training seriously; but I did have an idea that my three years soldiering in this Colony would be more or less a rest cure. (Laughter.)

"I was speedily disillusioned and it did not take me long to realise that the Volunteer Corps was expected to play a very big part in the defence of the Colony and that the Volunteer himself took a very keen interest in the task allotted to him, putting in an immense amount of work in his spare time to make himself efficient. I also found that the Volunteer expected all the Regular Army officers to be tacticians—in a civil as well as a military sense—and diplomats.

"This involved a lot of work, but it was simplified by the knowledge that the work was something worth doing. Now that my share will soon be over, I am able to tell you that I am very glad, honestly glad, that I should have been given the opportunity to do that work.

### Example to Others

"The fact that I feel as I do about this is due to a very large extent, to the members of the Sergeants' Mess. You know that the example you set for yourselves is the example that the remainder of the Corps see in themselves, and I am very glad to say that you have used the authority vested in you to maintain a high standard. I have come to regard it as a matter of course that I should always receive the co-operation of the warrant officers and sergeants of this Corps."

Speaking of recruiting, the speaker said: "There are several units in this Corps which would be required in the early days of mobilisation to take their place in defence, and which are at present very far short of the numbers we require. We all know there are a great many young men in this Colony without military experience and who are not members of either Volunteer Force. They will probably be the first to join up when trouble comes, but I

## LADY, SHALL WE DANCE—NEW RHYTHM, NEW STEPS?

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### Remember Them?

BUT this new sort of dancing became a craze with the younger people. In the next four years scores of "modern" dances, under such names as the Grizzly Bear, the Bunny Hug, the one-step, the fox-trot, the turkey-trot, the Lame Duck, and the lango (not at all like the modern dance), made their appearance.

Why the fox-trot and the one-step (from which we have derived the quick-step) should have survived while all those others have been forgotten, nobody knows. It is one of those things that "just happened."

### Fresh Ideas

IN point of fact, the fox-trot was not invented but evolved from the Hesitation, the Lame Duck, and the turkey-trot, just as our modern quick-step evolved from the Bunny Hug, the Grizzly Bear, and one-step.

There are no proprietorial rights in dancing steps, and those fairy godparents of the modern ballroom, the Castles, claimed no royalties for the new ideas they had sprung upon an astonished world.

For Vernon Castle was killed in an air crash in 1918; had he lived he would have been a dollar millionaire many times over, such was his reputation as a dancer and teacher of dancing.

Now we want to break with tradition as completely as the fox-trot broke with the tradition of the lancers and the quadrille.

And I think that the next novelty for our ballrooms will be similarly evolved rather than from a synthetic effort by composers and dancing teachers in the tin-pan alleys.

Already American dance teachers are attempting to "civilise" the Big Apple. In its original form this is really a round game set to music.

But the new dance must come. What will it be?

from the Colony, we the undersigned members of the Sergeants' Mess of the H.K.V.D.C., desire on this occasion to give expression to our feelings towards you, although it is difficult to find adequate words to express our gratitude and appreciation for the unfailing assistance and encouragement given to each and every one of us during the period of our association with you.

The welfare of the Corps, and this Mess in particular, has always been your first consideration. Ever since we have ever known you, you have undertaken with goodwill and enthusiasm. This attitude has been an incentive to us to serve the Corps to the best of our ability.

The memorial concluded with the wish of a long and happy retirement with Mrs. Westlake in the old country.

### Musical Complement

R.S.M. Parkinson proposed a toast to Captain Westlake and, while this was being drunk, members carried Captain Westlake round the room shoulder high in his chair to the accompaniment of "For he's a jolly good fellow" and "Old soldiers never die." And finally, as a compliment to his previous service with the South Wales Borderers, "Men of Harlech."

Called upon to reply to the toast, Capt. Westlake said he appreciated the gifts from the Mess though one did not always want to be reminded of the passage of time. He had had a lot to do with the Sergeants' Mess and had seen it grow from practically nothing to its present prosperous state. He thanked them for the happy hours he had spent in the Mess and would always remember his friends there. (Applause.)

The remainder of the evening was given up to the enjoyment of a programme arranged by C.S.M. Edwards, items of which were interspersed between speeches, S.M. Paget, Serjeant Webb, R.E. Stock, Serjeant V. Labrum, and C.S.M. Edwards were among the contributors.

The dinner was served by Messrs. Lane, Crawford under the supervision of Mr. D. Webb.

### Military Career

Capt. Westlake, born in 1880, has served 43 years with the Army, the last 10 years with the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps. He joined the Corps as Corps Sergeant Major on April 10, 1922, was appointed Honorary Lieutenant and Quartermaster on May 27, 1930 and was promoted Captain and Quartermaster in January 7, 1936.

As reward for his fine services he was honoured last year by His Majesty, in the Birthday Honours, being awarded the M.B.E. (Military Section).

Captain Westlake joined the South Wales Borderers in 1903, saw service in South Africa during the Boer War under Col. Laund, later G.O.C. China Station, was promoted R.S.M. in 1910 and at the outbreak of the war 1914, was with his battalion at Tientsin and was engaged in the siege and fall of Tsingtau.

He took part in the landing at Gallipoli as a member of the 2nd T.D. Battery, during which action he was awarded the D.C.M.

After the evacuation of Gallipoli, in 1916, he saw service in France and Belgium and arrived in Hongkong as Garrison Sergeant Major in 1923.

Two years later he was appointed to the Volunteer Defence Corps with which he has been connected ever since.

Capt. Westlake will be succeeded as Quartermaster by R.S.M. Parkinson.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir, I am sorry but I must bother you again.

I have read with much interest Mr. Bartlett's answer appeared in your Saturday's issue. I feel compelled to point out:

1. That the first statement from Mr. Vernon Bartlett about Premier Mussolini's alleged words, came after his expressions of open resentment for some disturbance he had to suffer from the Italian Police while stopping at Brindisi.

Mr. Bartlett quoted also, "I knew to be on the Duce's black books, because I wrote rather strongly of Italian intervention in Spain."

That the fact of his quotation not having been contradicted before, only depends from the tonality of same! In order to use Mr. Bartlett's words, he was quoting the Duce's words while writing his two books or broadcasting hundreds of times.

Which is a quite different matter! speeches on his cherished subject, "The strong men of Europe"; he was in fact referring then, Duce's opinion on "Dictators".

But in the present instance, Mr. Bartlett intends to apply the Duce's aphorisms to the Duce himself—which is a quite different matter.

The word "Dictator" may be freely adopted by papers outside of Italy as implicitly carrying a meaning of blame or contempt in Democratic circles. But it is adopted nowhere in diplomatic or official documents, for the very simple reason that H. E. Mussolini is the Duce of Fascism and Prime Minister in a State where there is a King and Emperor in charge; and where, consequently, no "Dictator" could exist!

3. Personally I refrain much more than Mr. Bartlett from polemics. But both as a Fascist and as a Consul General I am and must be very sensitive about the respect due to the recognised High Representatives of my country.

I am ending, expressing that if it seems very odd to Mr. Bartlett that he had to come 10,000 miles away to meet for the first time with a country which it seems still odd to me that such a well informed man as Mr. Bartlett undoubtedly is, after having personally witnessed with his own eyes the crashing of the slaver Abyssinia not to talk of Malaga, Oviedo, Santander and Gijón; he finds nothing else in his mind but to write about the Duce, some words on a general grand proffered in an interview granted to him five years ago! Five years are a long spell of time and politics and ideas evolve very quickly nowadays!

GENNARO PAGANO DI MELITO,  
Consul General for Italy.

### Advice Sought

Sir,—Would any of your readers be good enough to answer the following question?

Subject.—Wife living at home in England, allowed by her husband, who has to earn his living abroad (say Hongkong) a reasonable allowance to live on.

Is the husband responsible for wife's debts incurred at home? ENQUIRER.

### Patriotic Funds

Sir,—I have read with interest "The Hongkong Branch, National Women's Relief Association," in your valuable paper. I would advise the above Association to advertise the daily expenditures of the work done or at least once a month all expenditure that the Association had spent in order that contributors may know how much have been spent and money remain in their hands. It is useless to insert in the paper the acknowledgment, etc., which is not sufficiently enticing.

### Contrabutter

Sir,—The basis of my complaint of 9th instant relative to Hongkong Chinese Relief Work was formed after receipt of first hand information from reliable sources engaged at the Chinese war front—not residents in Hongkong.

There is no desire to injure or even attempt to wreck the goodwill of subscribers to Chinese relief work; on the contrary, if the public are supporting appeals a frequent and thorough explanation of affairs beyond "window displays" will enhance the prospect of considerably increased donations.

The subject is approached in the interest of those affected and victims of this horrible conflict; and in the public interest. No outside influence or ambitious oppositionist is associated. I am, therefore, surprised to read in the letter of reply written by Dr. C. Y. Wu and Mrs. Kan, on behalf of their own organisations, references to personal sarcasm.

This issue should be beyond that. My anonymity will remain unless my efforts can be instrumental in assisting to solve this difficult problem. The information imparted by Dr. Wu and Mrs. Kan is appreciated but does not cover fully the subject matter of my letter. In confining his discussion to Hongkong, perhaps it might be of benefit to those interested to learn of practices of Hongkong Charitable Institutions. In this respect, any of the recognised firms of Public Accountants and Auditors if approached, would be glad to render assistance in giving information which may prove helpful.

The main issue unsolved is: Is there a Board of Control comprised of representative persons, operating under Government supervision? If not, are the present Relief Organisations prepared to associate with such a body?

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1. What is the number of Chinese Relief Organisations operating in Hongkong? Who are the respective executives (honorary and active)?

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I HAVE JUST COME  
BACK FROM SHANGHAI

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ment, the Shanghai Volunteer Corps—a form of international Territorials—and units of foreign Regular troops. Their chief task is protect international interests.

### Welsh Commander

THE International Settlement is the business and commercial centre, while the French Concession is more the dormitory of Shanghai. The latter is protected and governed by French authorities, and a special police force replaces the Volunteer Corps. This force is composed chiefly of British residents in the area, and is commanded by a Welshman—Eric Davies—who is able to address his Breton constables in their own dialect.

These two municipalities must not be considered as colonies, for they are only leased from the Chinese as the result of treaties, although under the grant of extra-territoriality the nations, other than Germany, apply the laws of their country to their own subjects.

Shanghai, therefore, is an international oasis on foreign soil. The French Concession and the International Settlement are bounded by the Chinese City, which, until recently, was ruled over by its own mayor, young, American-educated O. K. Yui. This Chinese City is now completely in the hands of the Japanese.

Does each organisation represent and carry out a special branch of work to enable co-ordination and expeditious fulfilment?

2. How is each individual concern supported financially, i.e. maintenance of quarters, operating expenditure, etc.?

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HILLS.—At Kowloon Hospital, on  
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daughter.

### DEATH

XAVIER.—At his residence No. 1,  
Liberty Avenue, Kowloon, on  
February 13, 1938, Daniel Paulo  
Xavier, aged 32. Funeral will  
pass the Monument at 5.30 p.m.  
on Monday, February 14,  
(Canton, Macao and Shanghai  
papers please copy).

### WEDDING

The forthcoming wedding is an-  
nounced of A. R. H. Esmail,  
eldest son of the late Mr. and  
Mrs. H. M. H. Esmail, of the  
H.K. Sharebrokers' Association,  
and Proprietor of H. M. H.  
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Building, to Miss Cherito  
Guevarra, daughter of Mr. and  
Mrs. Jose Guevarra, of Manila.

## The Hongkong Telegraph

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1938.

## WHO'LL GAMBLE ON PEACE?

Six months or a year ago, perhaps more than that, people in high places were predicting a naval race in 1938. Very few listened to the warning. But in the past several weeks, with rumours scorching around the world almost daily, flowering darkly in the press of every continent, the mass of the people has become alarmed. Slowly but surely the nations have allowed the situation to develop, or it has developed in spite of them, to a point where naval as well as military armaments are being piled ton by ton in preparation for what? Sober people to-day are asking themselves that question. And why, if, as they declare, the nations do not want war, do they not do something to prevent this mounting rivalry, and all the antagonism and fear it breeds? There have been months in which to plan and act diplomatically in order that the situation might be eased. Every pacifying effort, up to now, has been abortive. Whether any power has seriously endeavoured to find a way out of the senseless muddle, apart from extricating itself from any association with responsibility, historians may be able to disclose.

Looking at it broadly it would appear that blame for the impasse is fairly equally distributed. Of course there have been treaties broken; and that is indefensible, though the treaty-breakers argue, perhaps logically, that they were not at fault; that circumstances gave them no alternative but to disregard the pacts their statesmen had signed in years past—pacts which were shameful and unjust and which prevented their natural expansion. That is a matter which it would be pointless to discuss at this juncture. It matters not one jot who is to blame for the present epidemic of fear that is abroad. What does matter is that so few are making any faithful attempt to combat it.

The recent exchange of notes between the United States, Great Britain and France on the one

# I Have Just Come Back From SHANGHAI

By

Michael  
Killanin



who has been "Daily Mail"  
Special Envoy at the War  
Front in Southern China.

IN Shanghai, cockpit of the East, where I arrived just after the first evacuation of white women to Hongkong and Manila, there now reigns a strange stillness and stagnation.

In May the great city was the scene of booming business. Ships piled their way up and down the Whangpoo, bringing manufactured goods from all over the world for the 400,000,000 Chinese, and leaving with tea and cotton and other products.

In luxurious offices wealthy brokers and merchants reaped the benefit. Their wives drove about in limousines, for you do not walk in Shanghai. Night clubs and places of entertainment were crowded with gay throngs.

Then the first shots were heard.

Foreign vessels no longer took away tea, but under armed escort began removing the white women.

Soon there were none left but Russian cabaret girls and others who could ill afford to leave.

As the white women were taken away Chinese coolie families poured in from outside. Efforts were made to find them accommodation and food. Nothing could stop them from entering.

### Frightened

THEY arrived on foot, by cart, and by boat in their thousands till nearly a million roamed the streets hunting for a window-all or overhanging eave under which they might spend the night.

None of them knew what was happening or why they had come. They knew that they were frightened, and that was all.

All this time foreign business men tried to carry on. The

small man was affected first. The cessation of communications and the standstill of trade wrought havoc. Some seized their few remaining dollars and left to seek fortune elsewhere. Some struggled on only to throw themselves into the rushing river.

If the fighting has moved to another quarter, this stagnation of business and the feeling of hopelessness persist.

The big business men who have been able to stand the strain of the hold-up of trade remain optimistic. They go to their offices in the morning now from force of habit.

They meet at the club at luncheon and discuss the future. They meet again in the evening and discuss the future. As they lean against club bars they trim their sails according to what they feel will be best.

When I left, the majority seemed to sympathise with Japan—but it is a case of one day China, the next Japan. A fickle, unhappy lot with enormous stakes in a foreign land which is the scene of an undeclared war.

### Wives Return

MANY wives have returned, but only for economic reasons, because the feeling of uncertainty that exists in Shanghai does not help to make life happy or easy.

It has been a strange life in Shanghai in recent months. One could go up to the Settlement boundaries and see the two opposing sides fighting each other—throwing hand-grenades and machine-gunning and sniping.

The Chinese appeared philosophical. I saw them shelled and killed, but for them the alternative of life or death seemed to mean little.

The Japanese fight with great fury, with all the spirit of Bushido [their code of bravery], and with a conviction that it is well to be killed for the Emperor.

In the midst of the gloom you come upon many amusing incidents and incongruities. It was strange to go to a Japanese party and be waited on by Chinese boys. It was stranger still to see, after the Chinese retreat from Shanghai, a Japanese platoon advancing in rickshaws drawn by Chinese coolies.

Shanghai, remember, is a trinity, for although in a sense there is only one city, there are three entities governed independently yet depending largely on one another for their welfare and prosperity.

The three municipalities which go to make up Shanghai consist of the International Settlement, the French Concession, and the Chinese City.

The International Settlement, which comprises the former British and American Concessions, is ruled by a council of Americans, British, Japanese and Chinese, who are responsible for everything from public health to defence.

The defence is carried out by representatives of all the nationalities living in the settlement.

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# LADY, SHALL WE DANCE— NEW RHYTHM, NEW STEPS?

Asks

Jack Payne,  
The Famous Dance  
Band Leader

THERE is a fortune waiting for the man or woman who can think out something new in dance music. New rhythm, new steps—that is the urgent need of the modern ballroom.

For years the waltz, the foxtrot, and the quick-step have been the mainstays of dancing programmes, and will probably remain so for many years to come.

That is all to the good. These are dances firmly established in public favour, and it is idle to contemplate replacing them.

What we need is a dance that will make a vital contrast to those three. Something, if you like, that will shock us with its essential newness.

### Way to Riches

IF you can think out such a rhythm, if you can devise new steps to it, and this is most important of all—if you can persuade the public to take it up, you will make a fortune.

Very few people realise the extent of the modern dance music industry. In this country alone something over 100,000,000 dance records are sold every year, and on each record a royalty is paid. Every time a dance number is played the composer receives a copyright fee.

Billy Hill, composer of "The Last Round-up," averaged £40,000 each in royalties on five of his songs. Mabel Wayne, who composed "Ramona," "Who Made Little Boy Blue?" and "Little Man, You've Had a Busy Day," has already received, it is said, more than £250,000 in royalties on her songs.

It sounds easy money, doesn't it? Believe me, it is not. There is no primrose path to success in this dance music business. There are no hard and fast rules to guide you.

### Made £250,000

CONSIDER, for instance, some of the dance successes for the past year. "Caravan" and "The Merry-go-round Broke Down" succeeded because of their rhythmic value in dancing. "Home Town" and "The Greatest Mistake of My Life," because of their melodies. "Moon at Sea" and "Little Old Lady," because of their sentiment, and "They're Tough, Mighty Tough in the West," because it was a rollicking comedy number.

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because it was a rollicking comedy number.

These numbers, which may well be described as the song hits of 1937, must have made well over £250,000 in profits to their composers and publishers—and they are still selling.

Yet their very variety defies analysis. There is no factor of success common to all of them. They have made, and are making, money because they have "caught on." Many other numbers as melodious, as full of rhythm, sentiment, and humour, as these, have failed completely.

The history of the foxtrot, best known of all modern ballroom dances, serves to show how illogical and perplexing public taste can be. The old Edwardian tradition in dancing was smashed on a certain day in 1911 when a young man at a party, Irving Berlin, sat down at a piano and improvised a tune we now know as "Alexander's Ragtime Band." A young English actor who was present, Vernon Castle, and his wife, Irene, made up some steps which, for those days, were utterly scandalous.

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## THE "VERY IDEA"

# RUNNING OUR HEAD INTO A NOOSE

By Eddie "Beaverbrook" Kelly

ALL these London and American war correspondents cluttering up the place reminds us that we were once an old campaigner.

A scarred old newspaper veteran, we were, and if the linotypist doesn't set that word "scarred" with two "r's" we'll complain to the Editor.

"Stop Press" Kelly they called us. We used to press and the girls yelled "Stop."

We remember during the war being sent to interview Haig. We found him a dual personality—Haig and Haig.

We got our greatest kick out of interviewing Mussolini. He kicked us down the front steps of the Colosseum.

We swore we would never Colosseum again.

We never printed our interview with the Archbishop of Canterbury, because of the nasty insinuations that followed our last visit to his cathedral. In any case, the poor-box didn't contain 3s. 6d.—it had only 1s. 1½d., two buttons and a chipped monocle.

### IT WASN'T OUR VAULT

Sir Montague Norman, the Governor of the Bank of England, was always a hard man to interview.

There was quite a scene the last time we burst into his room.

"See here, Monty," we said. "About this half-a-crown we've deposited with you—"

He wouldn't let us finish. Had us thrown out into Threadneedle Street. Probably feared we wanted to withdraw our money.

President Roosevelt was always pestering us to interview him at the White House, but we told him we'd have to come across to London if he wanted his name in our paper.

Too many bad precedents are created by journalists pandering to these lesser fry.

### SKITE ABOUT SKY TRAVEL

We were the only reporter to go with the first aeroplane from England to Australia. It travelled in a crate on the steamer in which we were a passenger.

We have been unsuccessful so far in our efforts to interview Stalin. He keeps putting us off. We suspect he is Stalin for time.

We are sorry to say that journalism has degenerated since we left its ranks. Men like Vernon Bartlett, Karl von Wiegman, Monson and John Gunther have struggled desperately to maintain the level we created, and by dint of slaving night and day at their typewriters, sucking for hours at their fountain pens, together with the aid of a miracle, have succeeded to some extent.

But the old spirit is lacking. You can't do much good with this post-war stuff.

They will never attain the heights we attained with the Times. We well remember, on the day before we retired, selling no less than 78 copies of the Grand Old Paper of Fleet Street on our stand underneath Nelson's Monument.



The diet should be generous but not stimulating and articles of easy digestion should be chosen. Eight hours, at least, of sleep, preferably in the early part of the night, are essential. For medicine Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are especially adapted because they build up the blood, strengthen the nerves and thus up the organs of excretion. You can get them at any chemist.



# ROYAL SCOTS DEFEATED BY SOUTH CHINA A. A.

## 4-1 VICTORY FLATTERS THE CHINESE SOLDIERS PROMISE TO BE FINE SOCCER TEAM

(By "Abe")

Against almost the full might of South China A.A., the Royal Scots were given their first real football test since their arrival in the Colony at Caroline Hill yesterday afternoon. They found the Chinese a little too much for them, though the 4-1 victory of the Chinese was, on the day's play, a trifle flattering.

The South China team also had the advantage of changing one of the players—the game was in the nature of a trial to pick a team against the Islington Corinthians—in the second half, Lim Tak-po taking over from Lau Hing-chol at centre-half. This played no small part in the superiority of the Chinese during this period.

Both teams started off very well indeed, and there were indications then that a really first-class game might be seen. Expectations were not completely realised; but the Royal Scots revealed that they have quite a well-balanced side and that when they have settled down to local conditions, they should have no difficulty in holding their own in the competitions in the Colony.

In the opening half, the Scots' forwards combined together so effectively that their attacks on the Chinese goal were equally as dangerous as those of the Chinese on theirs. However, it was the Chinese who got away first, and but for miraculous saves by Duncan, the Scots might have been two goals down in the first five minutes of the game.

After the rain of the previous few days, the ground was in a sodden condition, and offered only precarious footholds to the players. Everyone had difficulty in keeping on his feet.

### DUNCAN HANDICAPPED

Under such conditions, Duncan, who I was told had not a single slip in his boots, was particularly handicapped. The first two goals scored by the Chinese could be traced directly to this; on both occasions he slipped just as the ball headed in.

Nevertheless, on the whole Duncan gave a fine display. I am sure the Hongkong selectors who picked him to keep goal for the Colony against the Islington Corinthians must have felt better after seeing him push out shot after shot yesterday.

There were few weaknesses in the Scots' team. In Proctor they have a fine centre-half, who should soon be the best military pivot in the Colony. Atsuy, Hossack and Fleming were a fine inside trio of forwards, Hossack proving a particularly dashing leader. The two backs, Marshall and W. Fraser, were steady without being brilliant.

Both wings, however, lacked push in yesterday's match, and were unable to get going. Allen was completely subjugated by Mak Sui-hon, but Potts was often able to evade the attentions of Lee Kwok-wai in the first half, though in the second he was too well attended by Leung Wing-chiu to be really dangerous.

### MAK SUI-HON IMPRESSES

If anything was needed to convince me that the selectors made a mistake in not choosing Mak Sui-hon to partner Li Tin-sang at back for the Corinthian match, it was Mak's display yesterday. Throughout the whole game, he hardly put out a wrong foot, and no greater compliment could be paid him than to say that he was even more reliable than Li Tin-sang.

Undecided whether to play Lau Hing-chol or Lim Tak-po at centre-half, the Chinese selectors tried out both men in this position yesterday. When Lau was in the centre in the first half, he had Leung Wing-chiu on his right and Lee Kwok-wai on his left, and when Lim was in that position, he had Lau on his right and Leung on his left.

In my opinion, the Lau-Lim-Lau line was definitely the superior one.

Tang Kwong-sum played well enough yesterday to dispute the claims of Yeung Shui-yick at outside-right, but he often wasted his chance by getting off-side. The chance for forwards, Fung King-cheung, Chan Tak-fai, Lai Shiu-wing and Cheung Moon-wing, I understand, are almost certain of inclusion. Lai was again unimpressive, and was definitely not as good as he was before he took his rest.

### THE SCORING

After Duncan had pushed out shots from all angles in the opening minutes of the game, Fung King-cheung managed to head the ball past him, but was chagrined to find that Lai Shiu-wing had been ruled off-side. Nevertheless, the Chinese maintained pressure and were rewarded when Chan Tak-fai headed the ball in after Duncan had slipped when he pushed out in an attempt to clear. Fraser made an effort to head it out, but failed, the ball hitting the roof of the net. Duncan slipped again when Chan Tak-fai scored his second goal—again a header.

The Scots did not play as well in the second half as they did in the first. The Chinese half-back line, strengthened by the inclusion of Lim Tak-po, kept a tight hold on the Scots and made all the latter's attacks look innocuous until Hossack broke through on his own. In the closing minutes to bang the ball into the net—a just reward for a very energetic display. Before this, however, the Chinese had already added two goals to their score. The Scots' left half, and the Clarke, the Scots' left half, had the misfortune to put the ball into his own goal when he attempted a back pass to Duncan and shortly afterwards Cheung Moon-wing sent in a terrific drive to put the Chinese four up.

Teams: South China A.A.—Tam Kwan-kon; Mak Sui-hon; Li Tin-sang; Leung Wing-chiu (Lau Hing-chol); Lau Hing-chol (Lim Tak-po); Lee Kwok-wai (Leung Wing-chiu); Tang Kwong-sum; Fung King-cheung; Chan Tak-fai; Lai Shiu-wing and Cheung Moon-wing. Royal Scots—Duncan; Marshall; W. Fraser; J. Fraser; Proctor; Clarke; Potts; Atsuy; Hossack; Fleming and Allen.

Mr. D. Kossick refereed the match. The players in brackets are those who played in these positions in the second half.

## CHINESE ELEVEN CHOSEN

### Lim Tak-po At Centre-Half

(By "Abe")

The selected team of South China A.A. to play the Islington Corinthians on Saturday contains no surprises at all. On present form, every one of the eleven players deserves his place.

Until yesterday afternoon, ten of the eleven positions had already been filled. The only doubtful one was at centre-half, where the candidates were Lau Hing-chol, who has been selected for this position for the Colony match, and Lim Tak-po, of South China "B", who has been distinguishing himself this season.

Most followers of the game will agree that Lau is a better pivot than Lim, but fortunately for the latter, Lau is equally as good at right half.



Tam Kwan-kon Chosen to keep goal.

The result is that Lau has been chosen for the right-half berth and Lim will take the field against the Corinthians in the middle.

It is rather peculiar that the three half-backs in the Chinese team, Lau Hing-chol, Lim Tak-po and Leung Wing-chiu, have all played at centre at one time or another. Leung is the most versatile as he can take any of the three positions.

Fung King-cheung will play at inside right and has been chosen to captain the team. Congratulations, Fung!

I am inclined to think that of the four matches they are scheduled to play in the Colony, the Corinthians will find the Chinese the toughest to crack. The Chinese forward line will take some holding.

The team is as follows: Tam Kwan-kon; Mak Sui-hon; Li Tin-sang; Lau Hing-chol; Lim Tak-po; Leung Wing-chiu; Yeung Shui-yick; Fung King-cheung (Captain); Chan Tak-fai; Lai Shiu-wing and Cheung Moon-wing. Reserves—Lau Mau, Lau Chung-sang, Lee Kwok-wai, Tay Kwec-lan and Leung In-chan.

## International Rugger Decided In Mud



South China's second goal in their match against the Royal Scots at Caroline Hill yesterday. Though Fung King-cheung's hands are upraised, he was not the scorer. The goal was headed in by Chan Tak-fai, who is not in this picture. Duncan, the Scots' custodian, is on the ground, having slipped in an effort to clear. (Photo: Mee Cheung).

## BRITISH SPORT IN 1937 NOT SATISFACTORY DAVIS, WIGHTMAN & RYDER CUPS LOST

By H. L. Percy  
United Press Staff Correspondent

London, Jan. 15. From the international point of view Britain had a far from satisfactory sports year in 1937.

Take the two sports most generally popular—golf and tennis. In golf, Britain managed to break just about even. But tennis was an almost complete failure.

Henry Cotton, won the British open golf championship at Carnoustie, in terrible weather and against the United States' best, and a few days later he beat Densmore Shute, American match play champion, to establish himself as the world's best golfer.

But Britain lost the Ryder Cup match at Southport, to the United States by 8 points to 4, the first "away" win in the history of the contest. And the British open amateur championship was an Anglo-American affair, the winner being Robert Swenson, originally from New York, but now residing here.

**MISS ANDERSON OPEN TITLIST**  
The women's open championship was won by Miss Jessie Anderson, in an all-Scottish final. No Americans were entered for this competition, the only British title which has never crossed the Atlantic.

In tennis, Britain got one and a half titles out of five, compared with four in 1936, and lost the Davis and Wightman cups as well.

Miss Dorothy Round, now Mrs. Douglas Little, won the women's singles at Wimbledon, beating Miss Jadwiga Jedzejowska of Poland, 6-2, 2-6, 7-5. And Mme. Simone Mathieu, of France, and Miss Billy Yorke, of Britain, won the women's doubles.

High-spot of the Wimbledon fortnight, however, was the record triple win of Donald Budge, who captured the men's singles, and shared in the men's doubles with Gene Mako, and the mixed doubles with Alice Marble.

The loss of the Davis Cup by Britain after four years was undoubtedly a foregone conclusion. Fred Perry had turned professional and there was no one to take his place. The Wightman cup match between British and United States women was even more easy, American scoring its seventh successive victory by 6-0.

**BOXING MORE PROMISING**  
Only two other sports can be said to have entered the international field in 1937. These were yachting and boxing.

In the race for the America's Cup, the American yacht, Ranger, completely outclassed the British Endeavour II, by 4 races to 0.

Boxing presented rather a brighter outlook. Tommy Farr, of Wales, British and Empire heavyweight champion, proved himself one of the contenders for the world title. Joe Louis, the Brown Bomber, beat him, and beat him easily, on points over 15 rounds, in New York, with Louis' title at stake, but the Welshman gave a plucky display on the loser's end. One world title came Britain's way.

## Duke Leaves Billiards Quarrel Willie Smith And Referee

The Duke of Roxburghe and other spectators walked out of Thurston's, Leicester-square, W.C., during a dispute between Willie Smith and referee over a ruling in Smith's snooker match with Tom Newman.

When Smith's ball stopped eighteen inches short of a group of reds for which he had been snookered, the referee, Charles Chambers, said: "That was an intentional miss."

Smith protested. "You are making out that I am not a sportsman. I have a good mind to finish with the game now."

Next time he went to the table he said to the spectators: "I am not a bad sportsman, and I do try."

People near him shouted back "Get on with it," and "Forget it, forget it."

Then the Duke and others walked out.

Later Chambers demanded an apology.

"After the third frame of the evening session Smith walked over to Chambers and they shook hands."

As Smith turned away he said to the spectators: "That handshake simply means that I have apologised for losing my temper this afternoon."

Smith bowed, Chambers smiled, Tom Newman grinned broadly—and everybody cheered.

## CRICKET TOURISTS RECOVER

### Interesting Position Now Reached

Bombay, Feb. 13. The cricket match between India and Lord Tennyson's XI has reached a very interesting position at the end of the second day's play to-day.

On Saturday, the tourists had been dismissed for 130 (Amr Singh 5 for 47) and India had scored 73 for five wickets.

When the match was resumed to-day, the Indians were all out for 131, Pope taking five for 49 and Wellard four for 59.

At close of play, the Englishmen had scored 209 for seven wickets.

Top-scorers were Edrich 56 and Worthington 68.—*Reuter*.

way at the expense of the United States, namely the flyweight championship. Both Benny Lynch, of Scotland, and the Filipino Small Montana, of San Francisco, claimed the title.

They fought it out at Wembley Stadium, London, on Jan. 10, Lynch just getting the points decision. In the realm of speed, Britain took the water record from the United States, and increased its own land record. Sir Malcolm Campbell covered 129.6 M.P.H. on Lake Maggiore, Italy, and Capt. G. E. T. Eyston, set a new land speed record on the Bonneville salt flats, beating Campbell's record of just over 300 M.P.H.

Sydney Wooderson, in a special paced mile, put up a new world record of 4:00.8.—*United Press*.

## SWIMMING RECORD BROKEN

### Dutch Lady's Performance

Amsterdam, Feb. 13. Eit van Eggelen, the Dutch lady swimmer, broke the world's record for the 400 metres backstroke to-day when she negotiated the distance in 6 mins. 41.4 secs.

The record was formerly held by Ragnhild Iverger, of Denmark, with a time of 4 mins. 44.5 secs.—*Reuter*.

## IRISH RUGGERITES SELECTED

London, Feb. 13. The following have been selected to represent Ireland in the International Rugby match against Scotland at Edinburgh on February 20: Craig (Queen's University); O'Connor (Blackrock); Bailey (McMahon); Moran (Cromey); Morgan; Alexander; Irwin; Graves; Kennedy (Bradford); O'Loughlin; Ryan; Tierney (University College, Cork); and Walker.—*Reuter*.

## HARD-FOUGHT GAMES MARKED BY DOGGED FORWARD PLAY VICTORY FOR ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND

(By "Ginger")

The Club ground at Happy Valley on Saturday was churned rapidly into a morass by the most strenuous rugger seen in the International Rugby series for some seasons. The appalling conditions prevented the sparkling open play which has lately been a feature of local rugger, and consequently the forwards on all sides were called to give of their best. They did! Both games were hard-fought, victory remaining uncertain until the final whistle.

The results were:  
England 8 Wales 6  
Scotland 6 Ireland 0

Thus England will meet Scotland in the final battle for supremacy.

In the first game (England v. Wales), Wales were unlucky not to have won, since their forwards were superior in attack throughout and hampered the English line continuously. Pratt was outstanding and led the rushes, ably backed up by Martin, Mumford and Ford. Walsham and Butcher, however, kept them at bay, relieving the pressure time and again with superb kicking.

Bailey, the English scrum-half, was injured in the face soon after the start of the game and retired. Woods was brought from the back to fill the position, which he did very ably.

### FIRST BLOOD FOR WALES

Wales scored first through a forward rush, Ford touching down. Robinson failed to convert, England did not draw level until after the start of the second half, when Northcott just got over the Welsh line on top of the corner flag. The goal kick failed.

Shortly after, Wainwright dribbled over for another try for England which Northcott converted.

Pressing to the very end, Wales snatched a last-minute opportunity when Martin swerved his way along the touch to score a fine try close to the English corner flag. Hopkins failed with the goal kick and full time was sounded soon after, to dash the Welsh hopes of victory.

### FORWARDS SEVERELY TAXED

In the second game (Scotland v. Ireland), conditions had become much too bad for accurate handling, and the game taxed the forwards even more than before. In just about ten minutes, both teams were plastered with thick mud and well-nigh unrecognisable. The Scottish backs were superior to the Irish in handling, and were always the more dangerous when in possession.

Ireland's defence stood stout, however, though the constant vigilance of McGrath and Docherty in the centre, who dropped their opponents with unflinching regularity. Gray, at

full back, gave a very sound display despite the state of the ground and the difficulty of handling, as also did Henderson, the Scottish full back.

Scores came for Scotland in the first half through Dunnott after a bout of close passing by the forwards, and in the second half through Stewart after Galeve had broken through to send him clear. Both tries were unconverted.

Teams:  
England.—Tel. Duffy (Adventure); A. B. Northcott (Adventure); Cpl. Sowerbutts (R.A.F.); A. H. B. Butcher (Club); Sgt. Pratt (Scotforth); Lt. Walsham (Adventure) (Captain); Sgt. Bailey (R.A.M.C.); Mac. Dumbelton (Adventure); Pte. Knowles (Scotforth); W. E. Peers (Club); C. F. Needham (Club); Cpl. Wainwright (R.C. of S.); Lt. Woods (Grampus); C/ERA. Martin (Adventure) and Lt. Ogle (Phoenix).

Wales.—Pte. Jones (Middlesex); L/S Bracher (Herald); L/ERA. Jenkins (Herald); Lt. Skelton (Grampus); H. F. Hopkins (Club); L/S Robinson (Tamar); L/S Evans (Herald); Mne. Mumford (Adventure); S. B. A. Jones (Adventure); Pte. Davies (R.E.); T. H. Pratt (Club) (Captain); Tel. Coddard (Club); L/S. Ford (Tamar) and Woodford (Herald).

Scotland.—J. R. Henderson (Club); D. H. Stewart (Club); Lt. Gudgeon (Middlesex); W. E. Grieve (Club); Pte. Peachey (Scotforth); Lt. Douglas (Royal Scots); J. L. Bonnar (Club); K. A. Watson (Club); J. S. Dunnott (Club); R. G. L. Oliphant (Club); 2/Lt. MacLagan (Scotforth); L/C. Milne (Scotforth); J. C. Miller (Club) (Captain); A. J. C. Taylor (Club) and Lt. Crawford (R.C. of S.).

Ireland.—Lt. Gray (Folkestone); M. W. McGrath (Club); E. R. A. Docherty (Folkestone); H. van Leeuwen (Club); Surg/Lt. Bradbury (Cumberland); C. W. Lyle (Club); Paymaster/Lt. Roantrree (Adventure); Capt. Gillespie (R.E.) (Captain); Sgt. Aitken (Cumberland); B. Lynch (Club); Pte. Sheen (Middlesex); Bar. Page (5th A.A. Bde. R.A.); A. B. Crabbe, (Adventure) and Cpl. Lister (R.A.F.).

Mr. D. W. MacEwen refereed.

## BOBBY JONES MAKES A SUGGESTION PROMOTE DEVELOPMENT OF GOLF IN SCHOOLS

(By Geoffrey Simpson)

London, Jan. 3.

A new year resolution for golfers—to promote the development of the game in schools and colleges. That is not my suggestion; it comes from Bobby Jones, wonder golfer of his time, who has abandoned a law practice to become a director of golf propaganda.

When it comes to golf, Jones must be listened to as an authority, and though he does not explain how we are to persuade our public schools to take up golf, for which, generally speaking, they have not the slightest use, his views are worth studying.

American schools take golf so seriously that many of them employ a professional to give tuition to the students. They do this even in juvenile forms, and we are invited to bear witness to what the system has done for United States golf.

This we do gladly, admitting that the average American golfer develops more rapidly than his British counterpart, and at the same time reminding ourselves with a whispered aside that Henry Cotton was born in Cheshire.

### GOLF CLASSES

Instructional facilities in the schools have impressed Jones so much that he declares the future of American golf depends on them and on the development of public courses.

"Private clubs are definitely out of the picture," he says.

Another instructional plan of which he has great hopes is the inauguration by municipal authorities of golf evening classes. Instead of former school pupils going to evening classes to carry on their education, as they do here, American youngsters will have the chance of attending golf classes.

They have been started in several places already, and other municipal authorities are going to follow suit, engaging professionals to give the lessons. The charges to the pupils are small, but in the bulk the money means a nice fee for the professional, whose out-of-season income from golf can do with a rise.

Yet another development is the formation of factory and office classes for indoor golf tuition after business hours, showing to what lengths Americans will go to advance their golf standard.

When we visualise all this night-time golf study by the youth of America, our prospects in about 1943 do not look so good; but though we are obliged to Mr. Jones, it is to be doubted whether his ideas will be copied by our borough council!



## SPORT ADVTs.

THE HONG KONG  
JOCKEY CLUBANNUAL RACE MEETING, 1938.  
19th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 26th  
February, 1938.

On Saturday 19th, Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd February, the first bell will be rung at 11 a.m. and the first race will be run at 11.30 a.m. On Saturday, 26th February, the first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

The 15 min interval will be after the fifth race on the first four days of the Meeting.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND  
ENCLOSURES.

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax—or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively) are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a member, such member to be responsible for all bills, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27704) WILL CLOSE AT 10.00 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 12.00 NOON ON THE FIFTH DAY.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box, Tel. 21920.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting. No animals will be allowed on the Fifth Day.

## PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, Tie Men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tickets will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

## SERVANTS' PASSES

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order.

C. D. BROWN,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 14th February, 1938.

Joel McCrea and Frances Dee head the cast of Frank Lloyd's epic "Wells Fargo," thrilling romance of transportation and the winning of the West, which is showing simultaneously at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres.

## TURF TRAINING TIMES

OLD PONIES REVEAL FINE FORM IN  
HAPPY VALLEY TRIALS

For the first time for many weeks, several of the old ponies appeared during the morning trials at Happy Valley on Saturday. Strathroy, Double Finesse and Centre Court returned very fine times for the mile, but their performances were overshadowed by that of Murray River on Thursday. One of the new Australians, this pony finished the mile in 1.57.4 with a last quarter of 29.2 seconds.

The best time for the China ponies was that of Just In Time which finished the mile in 2.09.2, returning a last quarter of 31.3 seconds.

The complete times were as follow:

	Dis- tance	1st Qr.	1/2 Mile	3/4 Mile	1 Mile	1 1/4 Miles	1 1/2 Miles	Last Qr.
Cameronian	G 1 1/4	35	1.09	1.43.4	2.17.2	2.48.2		31
Confusion Bay	G 1 1/4	38	1.14	1.47	2.10			29
Desert Chief	G 1 1/4	36	1.09.4	1.42.2	2.13	2.42		29
Half-Moon Eve	G 1 1/4	35.1	1.06.1	1.38.1	2.08.4	2.39.4		29
Humdrum Eve	G 1 1/4	35.1	1.06.1	1.38.1	2.08.4	2.39.4		34.1
Lucky	G 1	42	1.21	1.56	2.29.1			33.1
Tampa Bay	G 1	38.3	1.14.4	1.50	2.21.4			31.4
Colorado Star	A 1	33.3	1.05.3	1.35.4	2.04.4			29
Macquarie River	A 1	33.1	1.04.2	1.35.3	2.04.3			29
See That	A 1 1/4	44.4	1.21.2	1.50.2	2.27.4	2.57.4		30
Simonian Eve	A 1 1/4	35.1	1.06.1	1.38.1	2.08.4	2.39.4		30
Tornado Star	A 1	33.3	1.05.3	1.35.4	2.04.4			29
Cherrybids	S 1 1/4	37.3	1.13.4	1.49.2	2.22	2.54.4		32.4
Cloudy Star	S 1	44.2	1.23.2	2.01.1	2.36.1			35
Delko	S 1 1/4	35.2	1.09.3	1.41.1				31.3
Desert Star	S 1	45	1.27.2	2.07	2.44.3			37.3
Gobi Star	S 1	45	1.27.2	2.07	2.44.3			37.3
In The Bag	S 1 1/4	46	1.25	2.00				35
On Your Toe	S 1 1/4	46	1.25	2.00				35
Sahara Star	S 1	44.2	1.23.2	2.01.1	2.36.1			35
Wenning	S 1 1/4	36.3	1.09.2	1.41.3				32.1
Able Amazon	O 1	33.1	1.04.3	1.35	2.02.4			27.4
Bear Claw	O 1	34.3	1.08	1.40.2	2.11.2			31
Beat That	O 1 1/4	44.4	1.21.2	1.50.2	2.27.4	2.57.4		30
Boat Bay	O 1	37.2	1.10.2	1.43.1	2.15			31.4
Commencement								
Bay	O 1 1/4	34.4	1.09	1.43.3	2.10.1	2.46.2		30.1
Courting Eve	O 1	46	1.30	2.12.2	2.47.4			35.2
Dawn Star	O 1	38	1.14.1	1.49.4	2.23.1			33.2
King's Bounty	O 1 1/4	35.2	1.09.3	1.41.1				31.3
Liberty Bay	O 1	34.4	1.07.4	1.39.4	2.09.3			29.4
Red Feather	O 1	38	1.14	1.47	2.16			29
Rose Evelyn	O 1	37.2	1.14.1	1.48.4	2.20.2			31.3
Soldier of Honour	O 1 1/4	33.1	1.06.1	1.38.1	2.09.4	2.39.4		30
Twilight Star	O 1	42.3	1.17.3	1.50.3	2.20.4			30.1
Tyne	O 1	38.3	1.14.4	1.50	2.21.4			31.4
Ythan	O 1	36.3	1.11.4	1.45.2	2.16.4			31.2

## SATURDAY'S TRIALS

Advancing Time	G 1	35	1.09	1.41.3	2.12.2			30.4
Expression Time	G 1 1/4	34.3	1.07.4	1.38.3				30.4
J. C.	G 1 1/4	38.3	1.12.4	1.46.4				34
Jobor	G 1	34.3	1.08.2	1.41.2	2.14.3			33.1
Just In Time	G 1	32.2	1.00	1.37.4	2.09.2			31.3
Lancashire Lass	G 1	43	1.21	1.55.1	2.24.2			29.1
Moonlight View	G 1 1/4	36.2	1.13.4	1.49.3	2.23	2.53.1		30.1
National Defence	G 1 1/2	42	1.20	1.55.2	2.29.1	2.59.3		30.2
National Pride	G 1 1/2	42	1.20	1.55.2	2.29.1	2.59.3		30.2
Silkylight	G 1 1/2	37	1.10.2	1.42.2	2.13.1	2.47	3.18.3	31.3
Sunlight View	G 1 1/4	36.3	1.18	1.49.2	2.26.2	2.57.2		31
The Giant Panda	G 1 1/4	40	1.19.4	1.50.2	2.21.3	3.05		33.2
A Better Time	A 1	38	1.11	1.42.2	2.12			29
A Lovely Time	A 1	35.2	1.10	1.41.3	2.10.4			29.1
Alber	A 1 1/4	37	1.10	1.41.2	2.12	2.41		29
Arina	A 1	39	1.11	1.41.4	2.10.2			29.3
Bredon	A 1 1/4	34	1.03.3	1.31				27.2
Cape York	A 1 1/4	37	1.10.2	1.42.2	2.16.1	2.47	3.18.3	31.3
Croft	A 1 1/4	39	1.13	1.44.3	2.15	2.45		30
King's Privilege	A 1 1/4	45	1.27.3	2.05	2.37.2	3.05.2		28
Little Audrey	A 1	36.2	1.10.2	1.41.4	2.08.4			27
Maya	A 1	35.1	1.09.3	1.36				29.2
Oiga	A 1 1/4	44	1.27	2.04	2.39	3.08.2		29.2
Sea Spray	A 1	39	1.13.2	1.45.3	2.13.2			27.4
Sea Urchin	A 1	39	1.13.2	1.45.3	2.13.2			27.4
Sydney Bridge	A 1	34	1.08.1	1.41.2	2.11.2			29
The Butler	A 1 1/4	44	1.11.2	1.46	2.20	2.48.2		29.2
Arme	S 1 1/4	38.2	1.14.2	1.49.2	2.22.2			33
African Cat	S 1 1/4	30	1.15	1.50	2.25	2.58.3		33.3
All Baba	S 1	38	1.13.4	1.47.3	2.21			33.2
Be Yourself	S 1	39	1.14.2	1.49	2.23			34
Borrachillo	S 1	41.1	1.16	1.49.3	2.22.3			33
Cape Comorin	S 1 1/4	39	1.15.4	1.53	2.20.4	3.03.3		33.4
Captain Blood	S 1 1/4	34.3	1.07	1.41				34
Calabration Day	S 1 1/4	43.2	1.31	2.10.2	2.51.2	3.28		32.2
Clevoe	S 1 1/4	40	1.17	1.53	2.29	3.01.2		32.1
Cricketer	S 1 1/4	38.1	1.09.4	1.41.4				31

AUSTRALIA  
LEADS IN  
GAMESUnofficial Rankings  
Up To Date

Sydney, Feb. 12.  
At the conclusion of events yesterday in the Empire Games the unofficial rankings were—Australia 300, Canada 250, England 212, New Zealand 130, South Africa 120, Scotland 24, Wales 18, Ceylon 11, British Guiana 8.

Australia's first win to-day was in the hop-step-and-jump, which, as expected, went to Jack Metcalfe with 51 ft. 2 1/2 ins. He failed, however, to better his Empire Games record.

A further win was recorded by Australia when her team of four finished first in the women's 600 yards relay in 1 min. 15.2 sec. England was second, and Canada third.

England came into the picture in the women's high jump in which Dorothy Adam, British champion and European record holder, established a new Games and Australian record by clearing 5 ft. 3 in. Her European figures are 5 ft. 4 1/2 in.

South Africa secured firsts in the shot-put and the pole vault. Fouche put the weight 48 ft. 6 in., and Duplessis cleared 13 ft. 5 1/2 in. with the pole. The latter is an Australian record.

A stirring race was witnessed in the mile event. John Alford, captain of the Welsh team, Welsh record holder and champion for this distance for the last four years, won after a great spurt which brought him four yards in front of Backhouse, Australia, who was two yards ahead of Boon, New Zealand. The time, 4 min. 17 sec, the best ever returned by Alford, sets up new Games and Australian records. Alford's previous best was 4 min. 17 sec.

Canada won the mile relay race, her four representatives being timed at 4 min. 16.9 sec.

The 100 kilometres cycle race was won by Binneman, South Africa, in 2 hr. 53 min. 28 1/10 sec. Brown, New Zealand, was second in 2 hr. 53 min. 29 sec. and Jones, England, third in 2 hr. 53 min. 29.9 sec.

In the sprint scratch race of 1,000 metres was won by Gray, Australia, with Porter, Australia, second and Giles, New Zealand, third.—Reuter.

bout between Chuck Haines, U.S. Marines and China Lightweight title holder, and Gamper Allessandri, an Italian Grand Prix rider, Allessandri was knocked out in the third round, whereupon the Italians claimed that Haines had fouled. The proceedings nearly developed into a riot.—United Press.

NEARLY A RIOT  
Disturbance At Shanghai  
Boxing Match

Shanghai, Feb. 12.  
The French Concession Police narrowly averted a riot in the Canidrome Gardens last night when they prevented a clash between the United States Marines and the Italian Savoy Grand Prix.

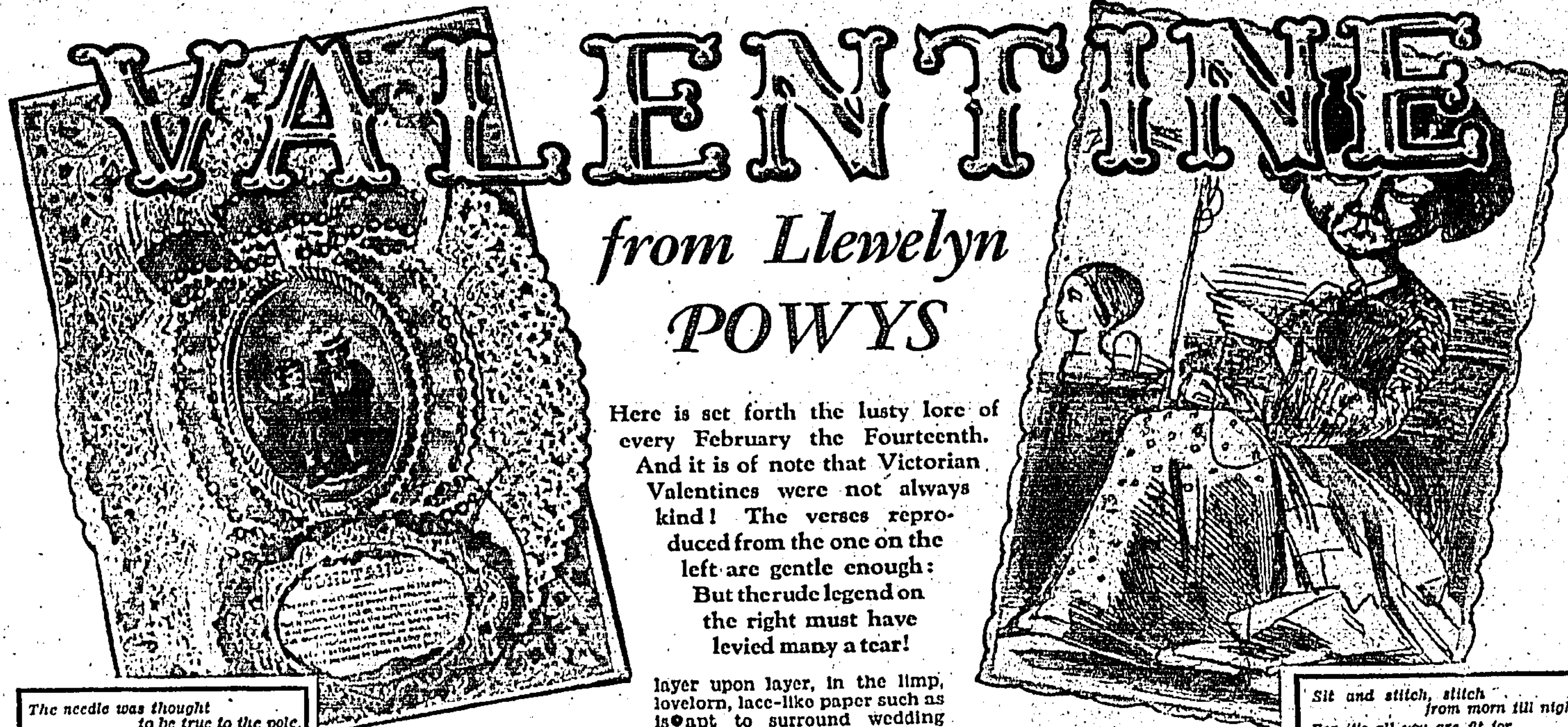
The trouble arose following the

Cuban Love	S 1 1/4	41	1.19.2	1.55.4	2.29.3	3.03		33.2
Dark Hazard	S 1	38.2	1.14.2	1.49.2	2.22.2			33
Eagle	S 1 1/4	42	1.20.4	1.58.1				37.2
Easy Time	S 1	35.3	1.13.3	1.50	2.23.2			33.2
Ferrybridge	S 1	35.4	1.12	1.45.2	2.19.2			34
Final Triumph	S 1	36.2	1.12.4	1.48	2.20.2			32.2
Five Rulers	S 1	37	1.11.4	1.46	2.21			35
Golden Cow	S 1 1/4	36	1.08.1	1.40.4				31.4
Iron Knight	S 1 1/4	43.2	1.31	2.15.2	2.51.2	3.25		33.3
Jack High	S 1 1/4	37	1.13	1.48.1				35.1
Labour Day	S 1	40.1	1.26	1.58.3				32.3
Lancashire Chap	S 1	40.2	1.15	1.49.4	2.23.4			34
Louis XIV	S 1 1/4	36	1.10.2	1.44.2				34.2
Lucky Eleven	S 1	39	1.14.2	1.49	2.23			34
Lucky Seven	S 1	39	1.14.2	1.49	2.23			34
Mac's Second								
Venture	S 1 1/4	35.1	1.09.4	1.41.4				35
Merrick	S 1 1/4	37	1.13.4	1.49.4	2.24	2.57.2		33.2
Mongolian Cat	S 1 1/4	36	1.15	1.50	2.25	2.58.3		33.3
Mustard	S 1	44.3	1.25.2	2.00.4	2.34			33.1
National Dignity	S 1 1/4	40.3	1.19	1.50	2.30.3	3.04.1		33.3
National Force	S 1 1/4	37.3	1.13.1	1.43.2				30.1
National Guard	S 1 1/4	37.2	1.13.1	1.48.4				35.3
National Triumph	S 1 1/4	37.2	1.13.1	1.48.4				35.3
Planchet	S 1 1/4	39	1.14	1.49.2	2.22.4	2.55.2		32.3
Rexina	S 1	37	1.11.4	1.46	2.21			35
Salvage Master	S 1 1/4	34.3	1.07	1.41				34
Sea Dragon	S 1 1/4	33.4	1.05.3	1.39.2				33.4
Smiling Thru	S 1 1/4	36.1	1.13.1	1.47.2				34.1
Split Hand	S 1 1/4	33.4	1.05.3	1.39.2				33.4
The Great Triumph	S 1	38	1.10.2	1.44.2				34.2
The Leopard	S 1	42	1.19.3	1.55.1	2.26			30.4
The Scholar	S 1 1/4	34.3	1.07	1.41				34

## OLD PONIES

Strathroy	1	35	1.04.3	1.32.3	2.01			28.2
Gold Coin	1	40	1.10	1.50.3	2.23			32.2
Wild Cat	1	42.3	1.19	1.54.3	2.31.3			37
Expansion Time	1 1/4	35.3	1.09.4	1.40.3				30.4
Potentate	1 1/4	33.2	1.01	1.38				32
Bag Tor	1 1/4	34	1.05.3	1.35.2				28.4
Trentbridge	1 1/4	34.3	1.12.1	1.43.1				31
Night View	1 1/4	43	1.24	2.02.2	2.38	3.07.2		29.2
Gladiator	1 1/4	36	1.10.2	1.44	2.31			30
Ranger	1	36	1.08.3	1.35.2	2.04.3			29.1
Gold Sovereign	1	38.2	1.15.1	1.43.1	2.21.1			31.3
Double Finesse	1	32.4	1.04.4	1.32.2	2.00			27.2
Tabby Cat	1 1/4	37	1.14.2	1.50.4	2.24.2	2.50.2		32.2
Zodiac	1 1/4	34.4	1.08.2	1.36.3				28.1
Coronation Day	1 1/4	36	1.08.1	1.40				31.4
King's Lend	1 1/4	33.1	1.00.3	1.42.4	2.17.3	2.49.3		32
Vixen Tor	1 1/4	39.2	1.19	1.54				35
Yum Sing	1 1/4	41.1	1.14	1.44	2.20.4			32.4
Rob Roy	1 1/4	37.2	1.10.3	1.45	2.17.4	2.40.2		30.3
Racing Boy	1 1/4	37.3	1.12.3	1.43.3				31
Havoc Eve	1 1/4	32	1.05.2	1.38.1	2.09.4	2.42.3		32.4
Royal Scot	1 1/4	35.2	1.09.2	1.43.1	2.10.2	2.40.2		32
Royal Highness	1 1/4	34.2	1.05.2	1.36.3				31.4
Sprinkle	1 1/4	40	1.19.4	1.52	2.31.2	3.01.4		30.2
Lancashire Chips	1 1/4	31.4	1.00.1	1.29				29.3
New Star	1	35.4	1.07.2	1.42.2	2.12			30.3
Soldier of Britain	1	33.2	1.06	1.39				33
King's Warden	1	34	1.08.1	1.41.2	2.11.2			30
Australian Boy	1	40.2	1.24.4	2.05.3	2.41.4			36.1
Whimsy	1 1/4	40	1.17	1.53.2	2.20	3.01.2		32.2
King's Coronation	1 1/4	39	1.14	1.49.2	2.22.4	2.55.2		32.3
Laughing Girl	1	33	1.04	1.34	2.01.3			27.3
Azie	1 1/4	43	1.22	1.59	2.32	2.50.2		20.2
Centre Forward	1 1/4	32.2	1.04.4	1.36.2				31.3
Scientific View	1	44.3	1.25.2	2.04	2.34			35.4
Plain View	1	34.1	1.07.1	1.39	2.12.3			33.3
Mac's Adventure	1	34.2	1.10	1.47.3	2.21			33.2





The needle was thought  
to be true to the pole.  
Yet it varies, they tell us,  
where Arctic seas roll;  
But constancy lives in  
the true honest heart,  
And unlike the needle  
It clings to its part.

THERE is a tradition that the little god of Love was once stung by a bee and, in startled consternation at the unusual pain, dropped his bow and arrow and ran to his mother full of protests and tears.

Aphrodite, however, merely told him with one of her complicated smiles, that he, who was responsible for hurting so many people every day of the year, should have small reason to complain at a single wound from so inconsequent a scimitar.

Shakespeare wrote: "Men have died and been eaten by magots, but not for love." How far experience confirms the poet's opinion it is difficult to ascertain.

There are those who believe that men and women often

come "to wear a green coat," as we say in the country, because of this heroic passion.

In any case, it has been proved, for times out of mind, that the hazards we daily run from the slings stones of Eros begin to multiply after Saint Valentine's Day.

It is of as little use trying to explain why this should be so as it is to discover why the perilous day should ever have been associated with the unfortunate Bishop who, in the second century, was first chastised and then beheaded.

Custom prompts us to celebrate our awareness of the "open secret" by pretty representations of hearts and arrows; though, alack! and fie for shame, our modern sophisticated cards are not always as perfect as they should be.

A strictly orthodox perfect Valentine should be enfolded

Here is set forth the lusty lore of every February the Fourteenth. And it is of note that Victorian Valentines were not always kind! The verses reproduced from the one on the left are gentle enough: But the rude legend on the right must have levied many a tear!

layer upon layer, in the limp, lovelorn, lace-like paper such as is apt to surround wedding cakes, with "the heart of the matter" carefully hidden at the centre.

The tradition that the birds choose their mates on February 14 comes pat to the truth. All winter long my garden on the downs is populated by little round, jolly, plump, coconut, bacon-fat-eating blue tits, and on two successive years I noticed that it is on February 14 that they disappear, preferring, so it seems, a lowly, less exposed country to the downs, for their spring-time play, as with bill and claw and yellow-green breast, they delicately weave and pad a marriage-bed sagaciously concealed in cranny or wood or crevice of stone.

The wayward manners of house-top sparrows and Congo cuckoos are shared but by few English birds. From the swan to the swallow there are many pairs of these feathered creatures, who cling together through the years, for better, for worse.

It is truly touching to contemplate such faithful love matches expressed so prettily by chattering song, by brief airy flights, and by shining berry-bright eyes, during those swift fresh days when the gardens are smelling of wallflowers and snow-on-the-mountain and each wayside ditch is golden with celandines.

The poet Donne has celebrated February 14 with the following practised and characteristic verses:—

"Hail, Bishop Valentine! whose day this is!  
All the air is thy diocese  
And all the chirping choristers  
And other birds are thy parish-  
ioners."  
Thou mak'st the blackbird speed  
as soon  
As doth the goldfinch or the  
halcyon."

It is part of the ancient ritual of this "queynte day" that the first boy that a girl sees on leaving her chamber must be her Valentine for the year, and will have a right throughout the ensuing twelve months to demand many a charming privilege.

On this account some fearful ladies can scarce be persuaded to leave their beds on this treacherous morning until they have found out for certain that there is no chance of an unwanted encounter.

As far back as 1764 we read of this maidenly anxiety:—

"We also wrote our lovers' names upon bits of paper, and rolled them up in clay, and put them into water; and the first that rose up was to be our Valentine. Would you think it?—Mr. Blossom was my man. I lay a-bed and shut my eyes all the morning, till he came to our house; for I would not have seen another man before him for all the world."

The Eve of St. Valentine's is favourable for love dreams! If a girl pins a bay leaf to the four corners of her fragrant pillow and one leaf in its centre, she will most certainly find herself walking with her sweetheart in that fair land where all the lanes are bluebell lanes, and all the meadows lie in the sun thick grown with tall sorrel and other hayfield flowers. Nor are these dreamland assignments confined only to the

**To-day's Thought**  
EVERY man feels instinctively that all the beautiful sentiments in the world weigh less than a single love letter.  
—J. R. LOWELL.

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shy heads of provocative, half-awakened girls. Poetical boys also find themselves drawn irresistibly to the bowers where their sweet friends sleep.

An Elizabethan poet writes:  
"My lips I'll softly lay  
Upon her heavenly cheek,  
Dyed like the dawning day.  
As polish'd ivory sleek:  
And in her ear I'll say,  
"Oh, thou bright morning-star!  
'Tis I that come so far  
My Valentine to seek."

In Caroline times it was the custom to give costly jewels as Valentine gifts.

Miss Stuart received from the Duke of York a jewel valued at eight hundred pounds, and the same desirable girl, who afterwards became the Duchess of Richmond, received from Lord Mandeville a ring worth three hundred pounds.

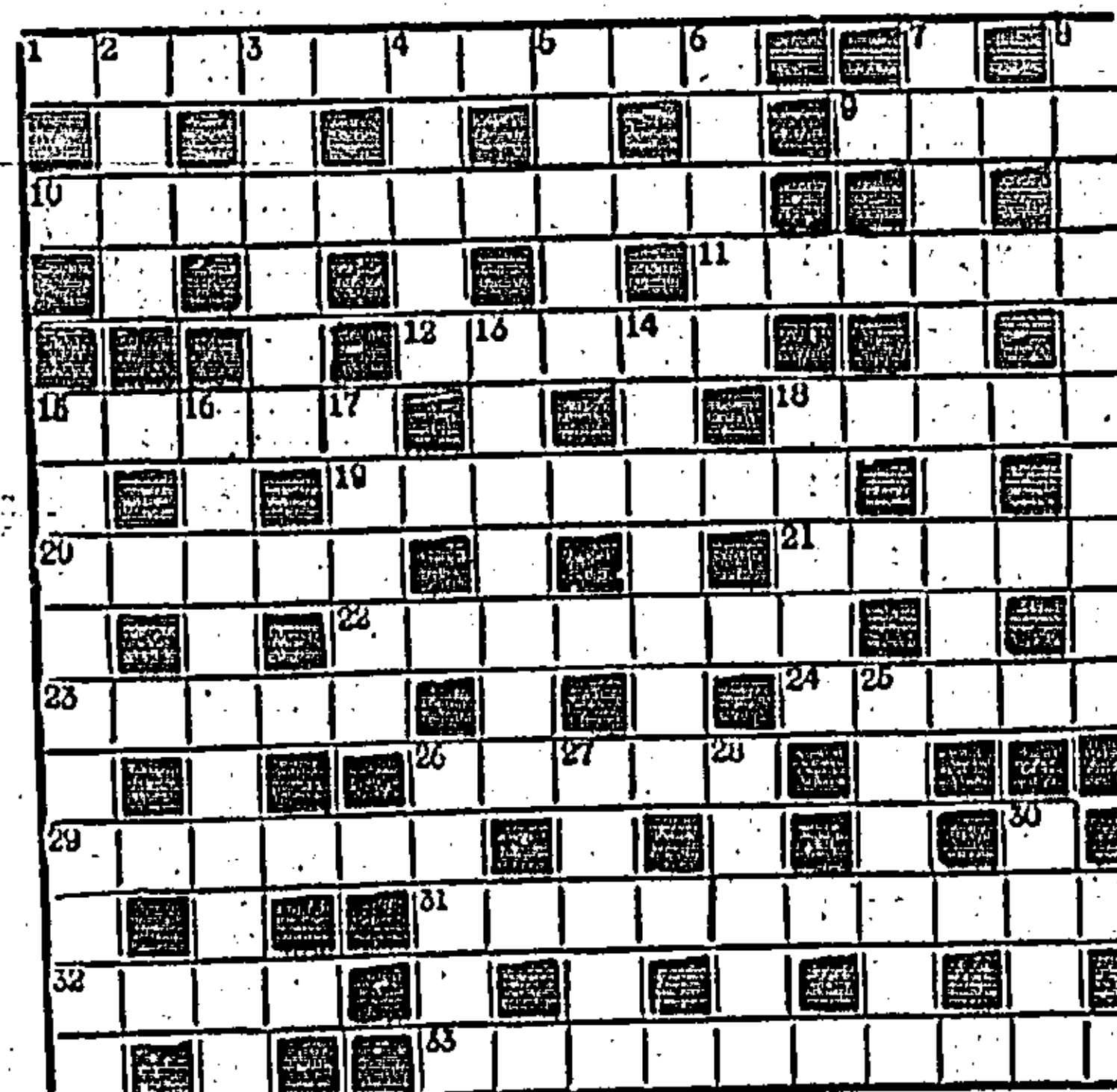
Pepys in the February of 1668 has the following entry in his diary: "This evening my wife did with great pleasure

show me her stock of jewels, increased by the ring she hath made lately, as my Valentine's gift this year, a Turkey-stone set with diamonds. It is fit the wretch should have something to content herself with."

It is in the middle of February that there comes to us at the flower-selling corner-kerbs of our city streets, on broad sun-splashed country roads, and in windy coasts-foot fields, the first tremulous intimation that the spring is really and truly approaching. Again the voices of children are heard playing out of doors after tea.

From root to top-most twig the sap is stirring in the hedgerows, and already on the branch of the elder bush that shelters the garden bank, where there comes each evening at the twilight hour a speckled thrush to sing her heart-breaking song of love, little purple birds are showing, and each day appear larger and firmer.

## OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS



### ACROSS

- To talk of volunteering under this would be contradictory (10).
- One may hear this rot on it in summer (4).
- Book of O.T. (6).
- He indulged in poetic flights (5).
- Half of a good tug-of-war (5).
- The result of his work crops up sooner or later (5).
- Fundamental (7).
- Abode with no fortunate interior (5).
- Town of the U.S.A. (5).
- Where one may study the ups and downs of flying (7).
- The fellow on the other side (5).
- Often high features of woman's lowest cares (5).
- A bad woman not in her most correct form (5).
- Garment that could be worn by the first half (6).
- Sign or code? (anag.) (10).
- More, and less, than one (4).
- If without the fifth letter this musing might settle differences (10).

### DOWN

- Not a good word, but usual at court (4).
- Water can be got from part of this stone (6).
- A stick (5).
- Not the first thing one learns in a language (5).
- A great river (5).
- It is through this that many people show interest in their neighbours' doings (10).

- Where motorists should be slow to show consideration to others (10).
- Not necessarily a neat soldier (7).
- Surround (7).
- It is seldom the party forming this that takes exception to the rule (10).
- A spur can be this, as horse-men know (10).
- A home by the down, perhaps (6).
- Some call it laziness, and there's a lot in it (5).
- Can be made silent (6).
- A medical preparation (6).
- Contested with one spot in the middle (6).
- Most of this time is near (5).
- Ben (4).

### SATURDAY'S SOLUTION

EXOTIC SUPPLE  
DEMOCRAT EELSON  
LILIA AND REASON  
APPLE PIE ISSES  
HELETSKELETS  
AAXABOMA  
GALLINGONL  
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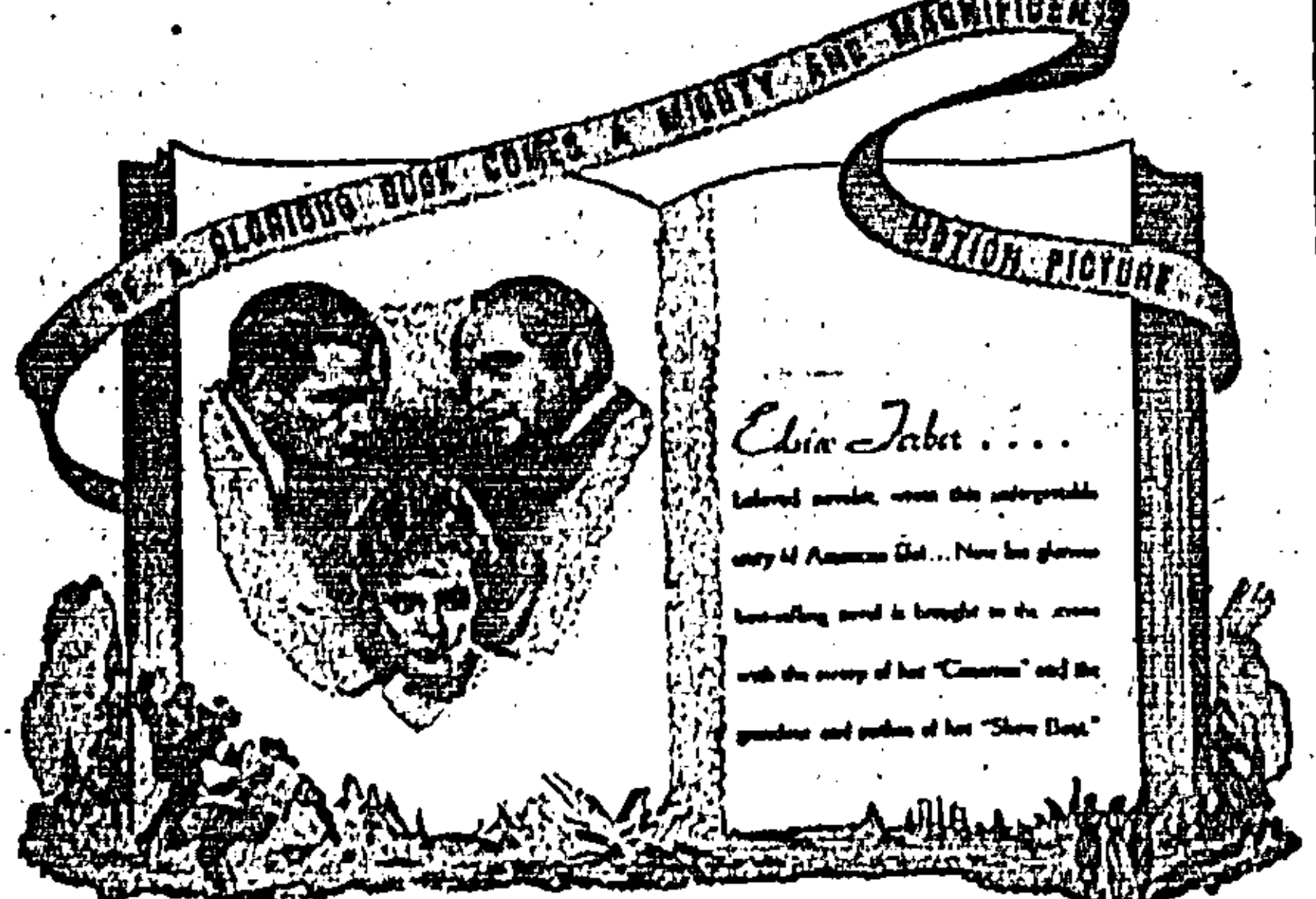






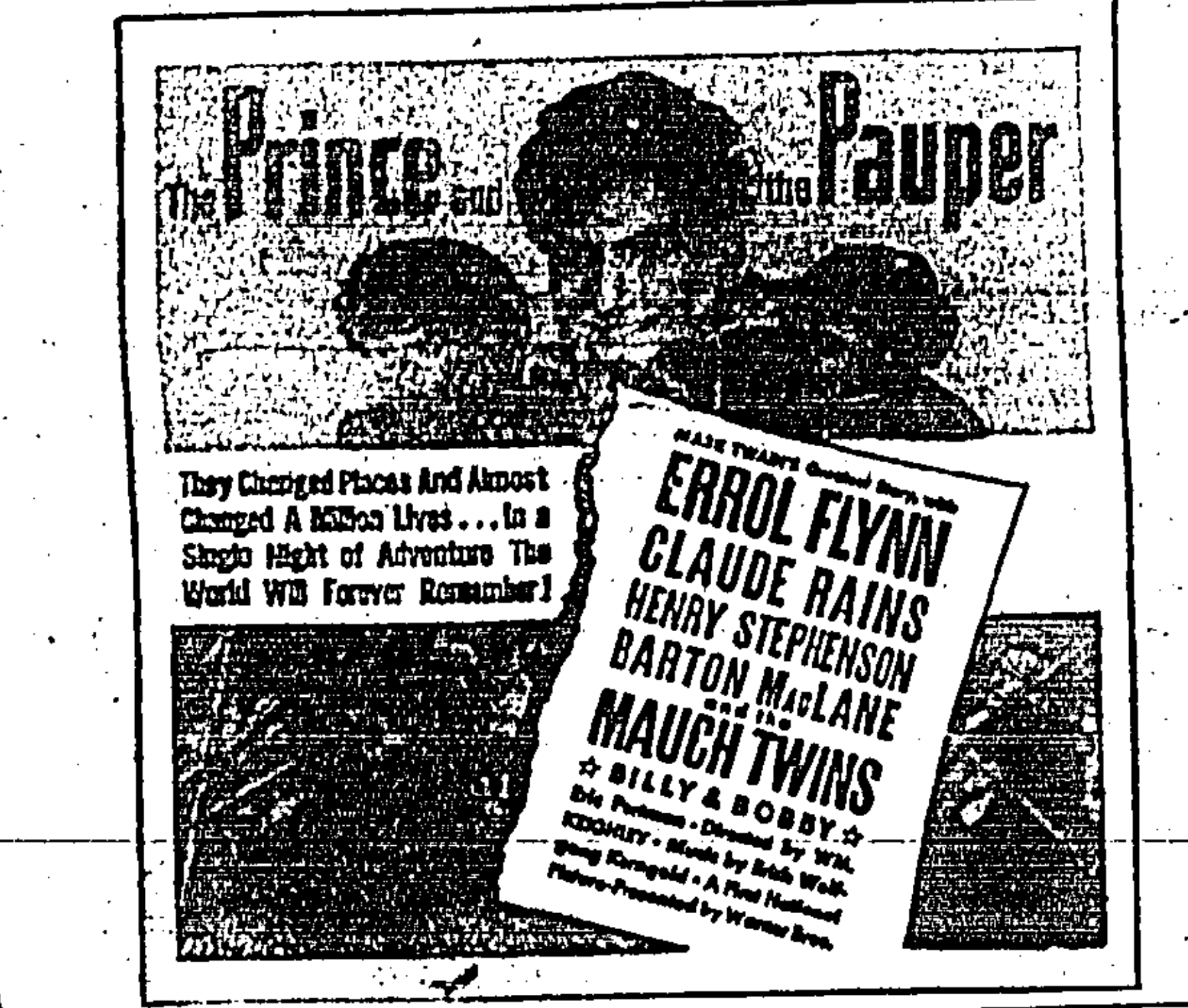
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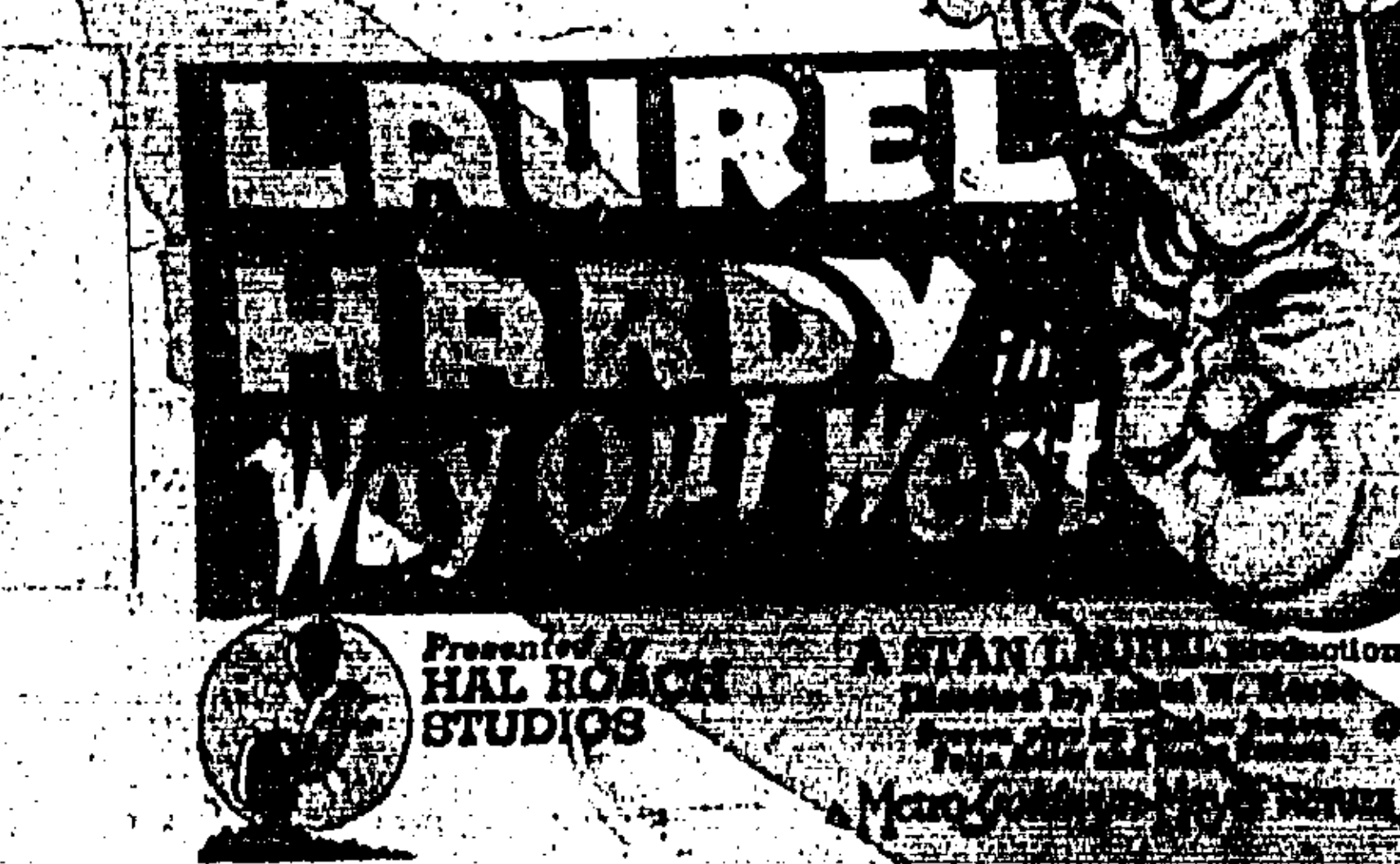
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## AUSTRO-GERMAN TALKS INDICATE ACCORD ATTEMPT

London, Feb. 12.

An unexpected meeting took place yesterday at Berchtesgaden, the country residence of Herr Adolf Hitler, between Der Fuehrer and Dr. Kurt von Schuschnigg, the Austrian Chancellor.

Dr. Schuschnigg, Paris despatches state, left Vienna secretly during the night for the meeting, to which Herr Franz von Papen, German Ambassador in Vienna, was also summoned.

It is understood that proposed changes in the Austrian Cabinet, with a view to including Nazi members, were discussed.

Dr. Schmidt, Austrian Foreign Minister, was also present. The meeting is reported to have been brought about by Herr von Papen as a last attempt to settle the differences between Austria and Germany.

Signor Benito Mussolini was also interested in the meeting, according to political circles in Vienna, which suggest that a new agreement between Austria and Germany would considerably strengthen the Rome-Berlin axis.

Observers believe that Herr Hitler was anxious to survey the ground for an Austro-German rapprochement before the Reichstag meeting on February 20.

Significance is attached to the fact that the invitation came from the German side.

Certain circles in Europe forecast that a bargain may possibly be struck between Germany and Austria. Austria, under the bargain, it is stated, would guarantee there would not be a restoration of the Hapsburgs and would proclaim a general amnesty for political offences, while Hitler would first of all order complete cessation of Nazi activities in Austria and make a solemn declaration on February 20, recognising the independence and sovereignty of Austria.—Reuter Special.

**ELEVEN HOUR TALK**  
Berlin, Feb. 12.  
Dr. Kurt von Schuschnigg left Berchtesgaden at 10 p.m. after talks with Herr Hitler which lasted 11 hours with pauses for meals.

A communique issued after the talks says that Dr. Schuschnigg, 55, and Herr von Papen, visited Hitler in the presence of Herr Goebbels, Minister of Propaganda, and Herr Ribbentrop, Foreign Minister, at Obersalzberg. The unofficial meeting originated from the mutual wish to discuss all questions concerning Austro-German relations.—Reuter.

**MUSSOLINI NOTIFIED**  
Vienna, Feb. 12.  
Preparatory to to-day's meeting with the Fuehrer, the secret of which was well kept, Dr. Schuschnigg had telephone conversations with Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini.

Political circles declare that Hitler expressed the wish that Austro-German relations should be improved. It is understood that Dr. Schuschnigg, while echoing this wish, insisted that Austria's independence be respected by Germany.

It is felt here that the Hitler-Schuschnigg meeting is likely to produce little more than a re-statement of the principles of the agreement of July 11, 1936.

It is confidently forecast here that no concessions of a fundamental character with regard to the Austrian Government's attitude to foreign countries and Austrian Nazism will be made.

As the telephone call from Berchtesgaden to Dr. Schuschnigg was preceded by a call from Mussolini, it is fairly certain that Rome also had a hand in arranging the Berchtesgaden meeting.—Reuter.

**A FORWARD STEP**  
Berlin, Feb. 12.  
The general impression in well-informed diplomatic circles is that the meeting between Herr Hitler and Dr. Schuschnigg is a positive step towards a better Austro-German understanding, but nothing in the nature of a fresh Austro-German agreement nor any extension of the terms of existing co-operation is expected.

Dr. Schuschnigg seems to have obtained assurances of non-interference from German Nazis, while it is believed that Hitler will be able to point to a lessening of pinpricks which the Germans found irksome.

A further explanation of the meeting is sought in the supposed trend of the Reich to produce something satisfactory in foreign affairs to offset the recent disappointments, particularly the fall of the Goga Government in Rumania, and to counteract the rumours of trouble in Germany.—Reuter.

**FURTHER TALKS PROBABLE**  
Vienna, Feb. 13.  
The probability of further Austro-German conversations to thrash out the many questions left unsettled at the Berchtesgaden meeting, are envisaged in official circles.

This might mean another meeting between Herr Hitler and Dr. Schuschnigg or the long mooted visit of General Herman Goerring or negotiations through the normal diplomatic channels.

Reuter learns from a well informed source that Herr Hitler has already prepared for the Reich Government and the Nazi Party to accept themselves from the illegal Nazis in Austria and solemnly recognise the independence of Austria.

It is further stated that the Nazis would be expected to respect the independence of Austria, and to renounce all claims to the Austrian throne, and to renounce all claims to the Austrian throne, and to renounce all claims to the Austrian throne.

**RADIO BROADCAST**  
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Your Seats Please!... George Formby with his Ukulele.  
10.30 Latest Dance Records.  
Fox-Trots—You Can't Stop Me From Dreaming; You've Gotta Take Your Pick And Swing (film Let's Make a Night of It)... George Formby & His Ukulele.  
Tango—La Puntada; So Lo Lleva... Orquestra Tipica Francisco Canaro; Fox-Trot—Afrail To Dream (film You can't have everything)... Waltz—Sympathy (film Firefly)... Roy Fox & His Orchestra; Rumba—When Bombs Play A Bump... Harry Roy & His Orch.; Fox-Trots—The Trouble With Me Is You (film With Love and Kisses); Good-night To You All... George Formby & His Ukulele.  
11.0 Close down.

## Governor To Attend At A.D.C. Play

His Excellency the Governor will attend the Hongkong A. D. C. production of "French Without Tears" at the China Fleet Club Theatre on Thursday, February 24. It was announced by the producer to-day.

Owing to the limited seating capacity the public is warned to book early to avoid disappointment. Reservations of all seats can be made through Messrs. Anderson's Music Company.

The play is to be given on four nights, from February 23 to 26.

## BLOODY FIGHTING ON HWAI RIVER BANKS

(Continued from Page 1.)

town situated near the north bank of the Yellow River.

According to an unconfirmed report, a force of 2,000 to 3,000 Japanese troops had already been sighted at two points on the north bank of the Yellow River, south-east of Puyang, and is making an attempt to cross the river.

Meanwhile the Japanese "push" down the Peiping-Hankow railway is continuing successfully. Striking along the railway with amazing speed, the Japanese first captured Tangyin, 10 miles south of Changteh in north Honan, which is the base for their operations, and then swept along to Kotsun, only four stations north of Siansing, which is at the junction of the Peiping-Hankow and the Taokow-Chinghua railways.—Reuter.

**SATISFACTORY TO AUSTRIA**  
Vienna, Feb. 12.  
The talks between Dr. Schuschnigg and Herr Hitler are believed to have developed in a manner very satisfactory to Austria.—Reuter.

**SCHUSCHNIGG'S SUCCESS**  
Vienna, Feb. 12.  
Leaders of the Fatherland Front in Austria were informed by telephone from Berchtesgaden to-day of the following nine facts regarding the Hitler-Schuschnigg discussions: 1. Herr Hitler issued the invitation; 2. Dr. Schuschnigg and Herr Hitler sanctioned the Austro-German Agreement of July 1936, which guaranteed the sovereignty of Austria and provided for parallel foreign policies; 3. Herr Hitler again confirmed that Germany recognised Austrian independence; 4. Herr Hitler agreed that Germany would not support illegal activities of Austrian Nazis; 5. The German Government of the 1936 agreement would be pursued by peaceful work; 6. Austrian independence would not be discussed in any further talks; 7. A new friendly discussion on all pending questions; 8. The talks were a complete success; 9. The Fatherland Front in Austria was again emphasised that Austrian independence would not be considered.

**PROTECTION FOR GERMAN VISITOR**  
It is reliably learned that the authorities are preparing to guard the railway from the German frontier by Innsbruck to Brenner Pass, on the Austrian frontier. Large detachments of Tyrolean gendarmes have been sent to points all along the line.

It is reported that a high German personage will pass through Austria on his way to Italy on Sunday and that Germany has asked for the unusual precautions.—United Press.

**FEELING IN LONDON**  
London, Feb. 12.  
Diplomats foresee, firstly, reconciliation of Dr. Schuschnigg and the Austrian Nazis; secondly, an impetus to the Austrian Nazis; thirdly, anti-Semitic measures; fourthly, co-operation to prevent Soviet influence expanding in Central Europe; fourthly, careful Austrian efforts to prevent the meeting being interpreted as a preparatory step towards a German Anschluss.—United Press.

**CHINESE AIRCRAFT Active**  
Hankow, Feb. 14.  
Chinese aeroplanes were very active during yesterday and destroyed the Japanese headquarters at Pengyu annulations, the water tower, Pengyu station, and a pontoon bridge across the Yellow River.—United Press.

**Chinese Withdraw From Tangying**  
Chengchow, Feb. 14.  
After a terrific all-day battle in which Chinese defence works were completely destroyed by concentrated Japanese artillery fire, the Chinese troops have retreated from Tangying, an important railway city on the Peiping-Hankow line in north Honan to take up new positions along the Chi River twenty kilometers to the south.

The Japanese, launching a fierce assault from Changteh, used hundreds of tons of ammunition and sacrificed a large number of their men before they succeeded in dislodging the Chinese troops.

Twenty heavy field pieces kept pounding the Chinese throughout the morning of February 11, while eight or nine tanks lumbered into action to flank the Chinese positions from the left.

It is estimated at least 800 shells were rained on the Chinese defenders on that morning alone, making the Chinese positions untenable.

Throughout the engagement a squadron of Japanese bombers dropping tons of missiles on the Chinese trenches and behind the lines.

Fighting valiantly and contesting every inch of the ground before the advancing invaders, the Chinese forces retreated gradually, shifting their positions several times before withdrawing to the new defence line along the Chi River.—Central News.

**Holding New Line**  
Hsuechow, Feb. 14.  
The heavy downpour which continued throughout yesterday morning has quietened fighting along the new Chinese line north of the Hwai River.

After crossing the Hwai River, the Japanese opened an all day attack on the Chinese troops on Saturday but were repulsed with heavy losses.

The Chinese centre positions are now between the Hwai and the Kwei Rivers and maintain close contact with the right wing guarding the north bank of the Kwei River.—Central News.

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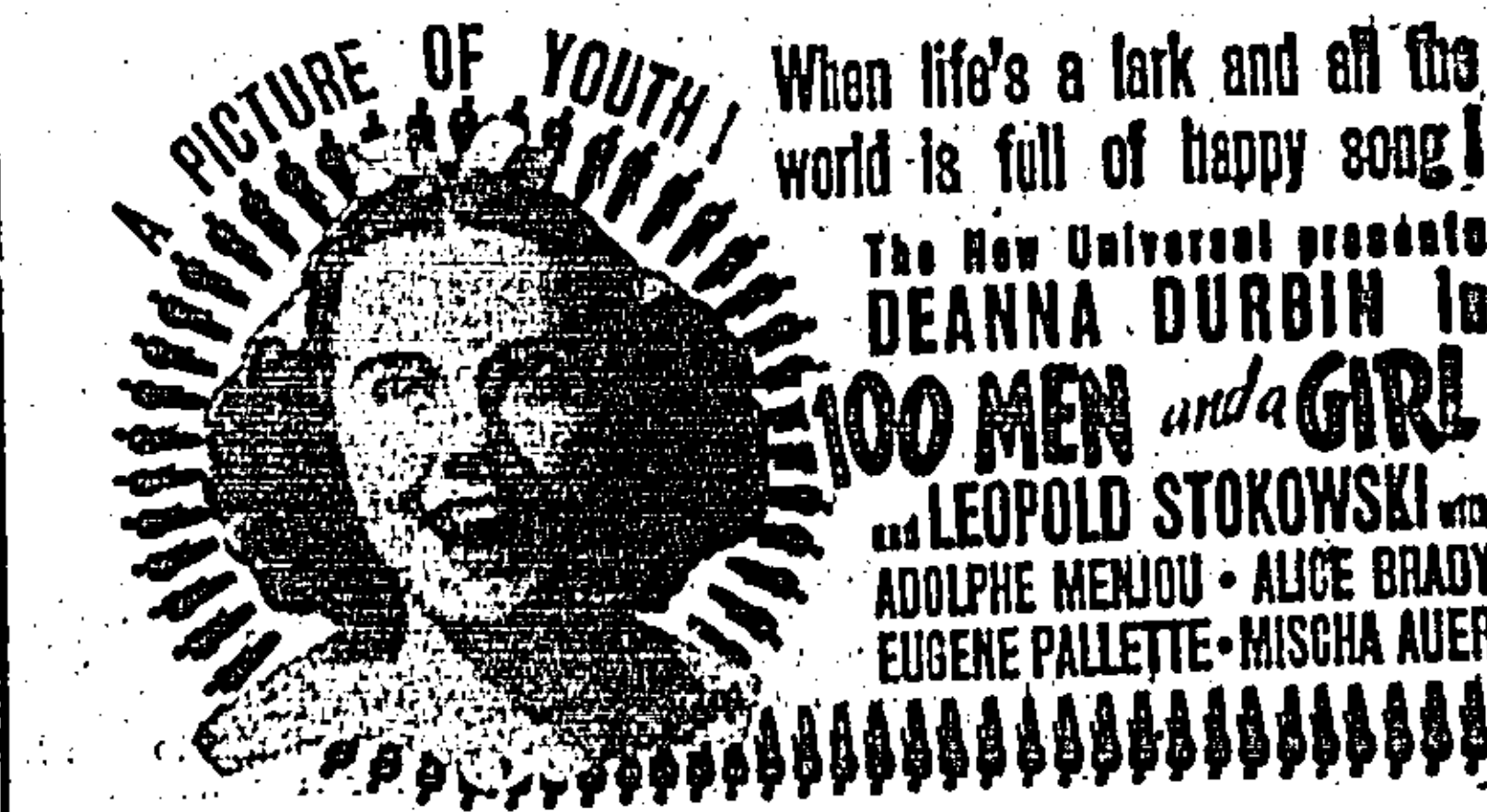
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**PREPARING FOR REOPENING OF PEARL RIVER**  
Shipping both at Canton and Hongkong is preparing for the re-opening of the passage to Canton on Tuesday morning. There are several ships in Hongkong waiting for the passage to be opened, including the Indo-China S. N. Company's Pingwo, which has a heavy cargo for Canton and is expected to leave before noon to-morrow for the barrier. River steamers also will take up their services again from both Canton and Hongkong. The Military Authorities in Canton have notified the various shipping companies that the barrier is to be re-opened.

The passage which will be used will be the Hill Passage, a detour being made from the main river. This passage can now accommodate ships up to nearly 14 feet draught and the most recent surveys show that its depth is actually about six feet more than formerly charted. This deepening which has made all the old charts incorrect, is believed to be the result of the blocking of the river in other channels which has diverted a greater volume of water through the Hill Passage with a consequent scouring effect. The barrier in the Hill Passage, though effective, is said by shipping people to be very light, and composed only of junk partly filled with stones.

**GUNS AWAKEN CANTON**  
Canton, Feb. 14.  
Three large Japanese bombers crossed over Salchuen at 9.15 this morning, heading north. Heavy anti-aircraft fire greeted them, the thunders of the guns being audible in the city, but apparently no hits were registered.

After a week of dull and rainy weather, the Japanese airmen apparently intend to take advantage of the clear sky. This was particularly noticeable yesterday when relay after relay of Japanese planes crossed the countryside north of Canton, carrying out operations in various parts of the province, including the Canton-Hankow railway.

Following the news that ships are being allowed to pass the Pearl River barrier as from to-morrow, vessels which have been bottled up since February 4 are getting up steam preparatory to departure. The S.S. Tai-shan is leaving at 7 a.m. to-morrow, which is an hour earlier than her usual schedule, but this is due to the tide.—Reuter.

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# FENGYANG FALLS TO CHINESE ATTACK

## JAPANESE FORCE ANNIHILATED IN NIGHT FIGHT

### Another Column Storms Fuyang But Defenders Still Holding Lines

Hsueh, Feb. 14.  
Military advices received here late last night revealed that Fengyang, strategic city on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway five kilometres south-east of Pengpu was recaptured by the Chinese troops yesterday morning.  
The important success was achieved by the Chinese forces after an all night battle in which the Japanese garrison was annihilated.  
The recapture of Fengyang, it was pointed out, has cut off contact of the Japanese forces at Pengpu and Tingyuan.

Fierce fighting continued in the vicinity of Hsueh, where the tide of war has turned in favour of the Chinese.  
Over 100 Japanese troops were ambushed and slain by Chinese forces in a hill three miles from Hsueh on Saturday afternoon.—Central News.

## Five Drowned In Sydney Harbour Tragedy

Sydney, Feb. 13.  
A double decker launch, carrying 175 passengers, capsized while following the U.S.S. Louisville in the harbour to-day. American sailors and 15 members of the police band jumped overboard to assist in the rescue of the passengers. However, five were drowned and at least 24 missing, while 75 others were taken to the hospital, some in a critical condition.—United Press.

## Broadcasting Singapore Opening Hongkong Can Hear Various Relays

Hongkong listeners will be able to hear the description and the speeches at the opening of the gravestone at the Singapore Naval Base this afternoon.

The Singapore station, ZHL, will be on the air from 5.10 p.m. to 7.10 p.m. H.K.T. broadcasting a complete record of the official opening, which is being attended by Hongkong's Colonial Secretary, Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith.

ZHL's description will be relayed over the Dutch Colonial telephone to the B.B.C., and to the Australian Broadcasting Commission's network. Hongkong listeners will be able to hear the ceremony from Daventry's Transmission 2, 3, 4 and 5, and from V.L.R., Melbourne.

The B.B.C. will relay ZHL through Transmission 2, from 6.30 to 6.50 p.m. H.K.T. to-night, the Transmission starting early for the occasion.  
The programme will be electrical-ly recorded and relayed through subsequent transmission to-morrow morning at the following Hongkong times:  
Transmission 3, 12.20 a.m.  
Transmission 4, 2.20 a.m.  
Transmission 5, 8.30 a.m.  
Transmission 5, 9 a.m.  
Mr. John Dumaesque, general manager of the British Malaya Broadcasting Corporation, will be the commentator. Speeches by Col. J. J. Llewellyn, Civil Lord of the Admiralty, and Sir Shenton Thomas, Governor of Malaya, will be included in the broadcast.  
Listeners with medium-wave receivers will be able to hear a relay from ZBW at 6.20 p.m.

## Chinese Retake City In Shantung

Hsueh, Feb. 14.  
The recapture by Chinese troops of Wenshang, walled city 30 kilometres north of Taining, yesterday morning, is reported in military advices.  
Street fighting between Chinese vanguards and a remnant of the Japanese garrison inside the city was raging at noon yesterday, and it is expected that the mopping up process by the Chinese would be completed late last night.  
Following break fighting with the Japanese on Saturday evening, Chinese troops operating on the northern section of the Tientsin-Pukow line claimed an important gain yesterday.  
Taining, hotly fought for by the opposing forces, is expected to be the scene of another fierce struggle as the Chinese troops, reinforced with fresh men, crossed the Grand Canal and rapidly approached the city yesterday morning. The Yenchow-Taining highway has been damaged by the Chinese forces to hamper Japanese transport of arms and men.—Central News.

## Attacking Fuyang

Kinhwa, Feb. 14.  
Launching a concerted attack on Fuyang in heavy rain, a column of Chinese forces stormed Linchiao early this morning and after four hours' brisk encounter drove back the Japanese vanguards to their entrenched positions.  
During the fighting, five field pieces and 142 rifles were seized by the Chinese troops. Fifty Japanese soldiers were killed or wounded, while the Chinese suffered sixteen casualties.  
Another Chinese column, advancing on Yuhang from Yenlinchun, met with stiff resistance from the Japanese forces who were holding the Chinese at bay till late last night with field pieces and machine-guns.  
At the same time, Chinese forces perched atop  
looking Fuyang opened up a terrific bombardment of the city seven miles to the north-east.—Central News.

## Chinese Lose Chihien

Hankow, Feb. 14.  
The vernacular papers have published reports that the Chinese forces on the Peiping-Hankow railway front gave up Chihien yesterday, and are now defending Weihsueh, 15 miles from Chihien, and 30 miles from Chengchow.  
Chinese forces yesterday recaptured Fengyang and Kaohching on the south bank of the Kwei River.  
Chinese planes on Saturday destroyed four Japanese planes at the Pengpu aerodrome.  
Over 4,000 Japanese troops have crossed the Kwei River.  
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# U.S. May Lead History's Greatest Naval Race

## WHEN LOYALISTS CAPTURED TERUEL



After severe fighting in intense cold, Loyalist troops entered Teruel and commenced "mopping up" operations some time ago. Since then they have suffered reverses on the Teruel front and their gains have been discounted; but for a time they were in the ascendancy and there was great slaughter. Hundreds were killed in the street fighting.

## QUESTIONS GOVERNMENT ON STEPS TAKEN TO CHECK TIMBER THIEVES

Illegal deforestation on the hillsides of Hongkong, which has reached alarming proportions during the past three months, is to be the subject of a series of questions at to-morrow's meeting of the Urban Council.

- Dr. R. A. de Castro Basto will ask:
- 1.—Is the Government aware that extensive areas of forest land both on the island and in the mainland are being denuded of trees?
  - 2.—Is this deforestation authorised by the Government?
  - 3.—Which department is responsible for the safe-guarding of trees from pilfering?
  - 4.—What is the number of guards employed?
  - 5.—Is the number considered sufficient for the purpose?
  - 6.—Is it not possible to increase the supervision of forest land?
  - 7.—What steps does Government propose to take to remedy this unsatisfactory state of affairs?
  - 8.—Will the Chairman kindly make a statement on the subject?

## Bean Cargo Kept From Sufferers Intended To Fight Beri-Beri In Nanking Japanese Blame Relief Body

Shanghai, Feb. 14.  
A Japanese spokesman said this morning that the "obstinate" attitude of the International Relief Committee at Nanking was responsible for the failure of the Japanese military leaders in Nanking to permit the landing of 100 tons of beans to combat beri-beri.

The beans were shipped from Shanghai aboard s.s. Wantung with Admiral Hasegawa's permission. The Japanese authorities had offered to ship the beans on condition they were turned over to Nanking Free Port. However, the International Relief Committee had declined, after which the authorities finally gave permission to ship the beans on condition that the Committee made its own arrangements with the Nanking military authorities.

The spokesman was of the opinion that the outbreak of beri-beri did not warrant the use of 100 tons of beans. However, there would be no trouble if the Committee adopted a "more accommodating" attitude.  
The s.s. Wantung proceeded to Wuhu following its inability to land the beans at Nanking. However it is going to Nanking to make another attempt at landing the cargo to-day.—United Press.

## OLD MAN JUMPS INTO HARBOUR

Taken out of the harbour on the Wanchai waterfront, a man named Lau Ho, 67, of Canal Road East, was removed to the Queen Mary Hospital yesterday.  
He died early this morning.  
It is alleged that he jumped into the sea to end his life after being accused of a crime.  
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## SERVANTS INVOLVED IN HEROIN PILL MAKING

Home Of Mr. A. H. Potts Raided In Absence Of Family

## Cook Pleads For Leniency

Arrested at the residence of Mr. A. H. Potts, three men and a woman were tried before the Chief Justice, Sir Althol MacGregor, at the Sessions this morning, on a charge of possession of 80,000 heroin pills.  
Accused were Wong Hoi, 38-year-old fisherman, Wong Kwan, 30-year-old gardener, Yuen Sung, widow, and a cook, all of whom pleaded not guilty. The second and fourth prisoners were employed by Mr. Potts.

Mr. J. Whyatt prosecuted, and the following comprised the jury: Messrs. J. R. Collis (Foreman), F. K. Gomes, K. E. M. Caudron, Chao Po-min, Ip Tak-choi, G. A. V. Hall and J. E. Jupp.  
Mr. Whyatt said the prisoners were arrested at the servants' quarters of "High House" in Mount David Road, the residence of Mr. Potts who had lived there for several years with his wife and son and a domestic staff comprising the No. 1 boy, a cook, a coolie, two amahs, a gardener and a chauffeur. It was a habit of Mr. Potts and his family during the winter, when the hunting season was on, to spend the week-end at their bungalow in Fanling, and on the morning of January 8 they left for the place, bringing with them the No. 1 coolie, the chauffeur and the baby amah, and leaving the fourth accused in charge of the house.

## CAUGHT IN THE ACT

About 8 a.m. the following day, Revenue Officer J. L. Stephens and a party went to "High House," where they found the first three accused busily engaged in the manufacture of heroin pills in the cook's room. The cook himself was discovered sleeping in the drawing room, and Counsel submitted he must have had knowledge of the pill factory as it was being run in his own quarters. Furthermore, evidence would be given by the wash amah to the effect that on the previous night she saw the cook inside the room where there were a number of strangers as well as a quantity of heroin pills.

After Chief Preventive Officer Butler had arrived and taken note of the paraphernalia, the prisoners were taken to No. 7 Police Station, where they were formally charged. With the exception of the first accused, who admitted he did have a share in the manufacture of the pills, the others denied any knowledge of the matter.  
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## 45,000-TON WARSHIPS MAY BE LAID DOWN IN NEW SECURITY DRIVE

## Conference Might Prevent War, Declares Congressman

Washington, Feb. 13.  
A high administrative officer hinted that possibly the United States would assume the lead in the greatest naval race in history. Despite Japan leaving the door open to international consultation, it is understood that President Roosevelt believes that the present is not a favourable time for such a conference.  
The spokesman said that the present alternative to the invocation of the escalator clause would likely result in President Roosevelt changing the specifications of the three 35,000 ton warships at present authorised to be built, to 43,200 or to 45,000 tonners.

## Arms Carrier Gets Three Year Sentence

## Gravity Of Offence Stressed By Crown

Found guilty of the charge of possession of a revolver and twelve rounds of ammunition at the Yuen On Wharf, Connaught Road Central on January 23, Chan Wan-sang, was sentenced to three years imprisonment when he appeared before the Paine Judge, Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell at the Sessions this morning.  
Mr. Hin-shing Lo, who represented the defendant at a previous hearing was not present, having received no further instructions. Mr. M. J. Abbott, assistant Crown solicitor prosecuted.  
The only witness called was Sun Kam-mui, sister-in-law to the prisoner, who said that he had come down from Shanghai because business in Shanghai was slack.  
The prisoner was a tailor by profession, his wife and children being in Hongkong. He had never been in trouble before, and she requested His Lordship to deal leniently with him.  
Mr. Abbott then said how serious it was to bring arms and ammunition into the Colony particularly at this period. An order for the confiscation of the arms was then given.

## STOP PRESS

## SAN FRANCISCO'S 18 DAYS OF RAIN

San Francisco, Feb. 13.  
To-day was the 18th consecutive day of rain, compared with the previous record of 15. However there were lower temperatures in the mountains which brought snow, causing the agricultural valleys of the flood situations. Blizzards are centred in the Siskiyou and Sierra Nevada ranges.  
Eight trains were halted en route to Portland from San Francisco. However all were carrying dining cars full of commissaries. Only one highway is open on the route between San Francisco and Portland.  
Meanwhile trains have resumed normal traffic to Los Angeles.  
At least three weeks of storms have killed at least 15 persons in addition to traffic deaths attributed to the road conditions. The Pajaro River is receding rapidly, while other streams are draining, while other communities similarly welcomed relief from the floods.—United Press.  
(Further Stop Press News on Page 14.)

## MILLIONS SHIPPED IN TREASURE

## \$68,899,796 Moves To Europe In Month

Movements of treasure and bullion from Hongkong to Europe during the month of January totalled \$68,899,796, according to statistics issued this morning.  
Practically the whole of this total comprised Chinese silver dollars and Chinese subsidiary coins, the latter consisting of Canton 20-cent pieces. Shipments of Chinese silver dollars totalled \$30,475,000, and of subsidiary coins \$34,850,000.  
Hongkong's export of silver during January was entirely to the United Kingdom. At the same time, a considerable amount of gold was shipped to North China, presumably to Hankow, during the same period, the purpose not being specified.  
Included in the gold shipments from Hongkong to North China were gold bars and ingots to the value of \$808,014; British sovereigns and half sovereigns to the value of \$1,201,311, and foreign gold coins to the value of \$123,750.  
Exports from Hongkong also included gold lent to the value of \$16,320, of which \$14,000 went to Siam, \$1,075 to Netherlands East Indies and \$450 to British Malaya. Chinese copper cents to the value of \$6,514 were also shipped, principally to Manchou.  
Hongkong's imports of bullion and treasure during January totalled \$2,510,591, most of this coming in the form of gold from the United Kingdom and India.  
Imports of silver from China were negligible compared with previous months. Chinese silver dollars to the value of \$121,000 were received from the United Kingdom.  
(Continued on Page 4.)

## ENGLAND DAMAGED BY GALE

## Week-End Storm Causes Much Havoc

London, Feb. 14.  
A night of terror for hundreds made homeless by the sea bursting coast defences, extensive damage to coast resorts, and a Fen flood crisis, are some of the consequences of the week-end gale, which, in some parts of England, was the worst for 40 years.  
The storm caused 50 vessels to mass at Folkestone for shelter. Hundreds of bathing huts were smashed at Ramsgate, while Margate's 10-mile sea front was strewn with wreckage, and a number of small boats were sunk.  
Several R.A.F. planes had to be pegged down outside the hangars at Monston aerodrome, which was badly damaged.  
Some 150 villagers at Horsey, Norfolk, evacuated their homes when the sea forced a gap three miles long and rushed five miles inland.  
Many cattle were drowned at Winterton, where 20 square miles were flooded by the sea.  
London had a week-end of alarms, the Thames reaching its highest level since the 1928. There was no serious mishap, but there was much flooding at Twickenham, Rotherhithe and other suburbs.—Reuter.



# TIME and MONEY SAVERS

By Mrs. Bardell

**E**CONOMY week in the kitchen! So much extra has been spent on puddings, cakes and mince-meat, both in time and money, for the festive season that we must make up for it in other directions.

But not at the expense of the family health. There's no need for this when appetising and satisfying dishes can be produced at a smaller cost, often with the help of left-overs in the larder.

Here are my time and money savers for this week's economy menus.

## Meat & Vegetable Roll

A little cold meat and some cooked vegetables make this savoury dish.

Mince the cold meat, add the cold cooked mashed potatoes and cabbage, or two chopped carrots, parsnips or turnips, previously cooked.

Season the mixture with a pinch of mixed herbs, pepper and salt, and add a cupful of soaked and mashed bread, or cold, left-over porridge.

Add a chopped onion and moisten with melted dripping or a little meat extract mixed with water. Form into a roll, tie in a scalded and floured cloth, and tie both ends securely.

Boil for 1½ hours. Turn out on to a hot dish and serve with gravy.

## Bacon & Bean Pie

Small pieces of cold boiled or fried bacon help to make this tasty and popular pie.

Cut the bacon into small pieces and place in a greased dish. Add the contents of a small tin of beans in tomato sauce and a cupful of stock.

Cover with mashed potatoes, roughen the top, then bake in a moderate oven for half an hour.

Serve with thick brown gravy.

## Cod & Macaroni

An inexpensive family fish dish with a different flavour.

Ingredients: 2oz. macaroni, 2lb. cod, 3oz. breadcrumbs, 1pt. milk, egg, half a teaspoonful chopped parsley, salt, pepper, butter.

Break up the macaroni and cook in boiling, salted water for 10 minutes, then strain.

Wash the cod and put it into a large greased casserole. Season with salt, pepper and the parsley. Arrange macaroni and breadcrumbs in alternate layers on the fish.

Heat, but do not boil, the milk; add to the beaten egg and pour over the macaroni. Sprinkle with crumbs and dot with butter. Cover and bake for

15 minutes.

## Haddock Savoury

FOUR tablespoonfuls smoked haddock (cooked);

Two tablespoonfuls white sauce;

Four rounds of buttered toast;

One tomato;

A little pickle; pepper.

Flake the haddock with a fork, removing skin and bone. Mix with the sauce and season with pepper.

Pile on the toast and lay a slice of tomato on each. Decorate with a little chopped pickle and cook in a brisk oven for 10 minutes.



Lentil and vegetable cutlets are tasty.

the boil, then simmer until the peels are soft. Strain and add honey to sweeten, then heat up again with the juice of a lemon.

## Bread Pudding

With the end of a loaf and some fruit I make this.

Soak the stale pieces of bread in cold water for half an hour, then strain the water away and mash the bread with a fork.

Grease a pudding basin and line with a layer of the soaked bread, then add some sliced apple or any other fruit liked—either bottled or canned.

Add sugar to taste, and fill up with more soaked bread. Tie a cloth over the basin and boil for 1½ hours. Turn out and serve with hot custard.

This pudding is often eaten cold, sprinkled with caster sugar.

## Left-Over Pudding

What remains of the suet pudding can always be served again; and it needn't be hard on the outside!

Put the pudding back into the basin, and fill with a little more cooked fruit, adding a little water and sugar to sweeten (or syrup, if it was a treacle pudding).

Place an inverted saucer over the top, then stand the basin in a pan of boiling water. The water should come only half-way up to the rim.

Heat gently, then serve with custard.

## INDIAN TOAST

CUT up one slice of buttered toast into six even-sized fingers and spread a little curry paste on each one.

The paste is made in this way:—Put ½ oz butter into a pan and allow to become smoking hot; then add ½ teaspoon curry powder and fry it lightly to revive the flavour; allow to cool slightly and then add 1 well-beaten egg, 1 teaspoon chopped capers, 1 tablespoonful cream or milk, and a pinch of salt and pepper; stir all well together over the heat, but do not allow it to become thick, just creamy. Put a little of the mixture on each finger and smooth it with a knife. Decorate with chopped parsley, and serve hot.

The odd rashers help to make a savoury pie.

an hour. Regulo mark 5. Remove lid to brown top for last 10 minutes.

## Onion & Lentil

These savoury cutlets are satisfying.

To make them wash ½ lb. lentils, put into a pan and cover with cold water. Simmer until soft, then mash.

Melt some frying fat in a pan, add 2 chopped onions, and fry until a golden brown.

Stir in the cooked lentils, a cupful of breadcrumbs, a little chopped bacon or ham, a tablesp. of sauce, seasoning, and a beaten egg, keeping back a little of the latter.

Mix well together, brush over with the rest of the beaten egg, coat with breadcrumbs or a thin layer of mashed potatoes, and fry in deep hot fat. Drain and serve on fried bread.

## Vegetable Pie

This is a health-giving dish. Mix together some mashed potatoes, carrots, cauliflower or chopped cabbage, cooked peas or beans and a cupful of boiled rice. Pour into a greased dish, sprinkle with chopped onion, and cover with stock.

Cover with a top of rough puff pastry, and bake in a hot oven for twenty to thirty minutes.

## Apple Batter

Now for some sweets. Apple batter is quickly made.

Make the batter with 4oz. flour, a pinch of salt, 2oz. sugar, 1oz. shredded

suet, one egg and a little milk. Beat the ingredients, mix and allow to stand for half an hour, then pour into a hot, greased tin. Sprinkle in the thinly sliced apples, with sugar to sweeten and a pinch of grated nutmeg. Cook in a fairly hot oven for thirty minutes.

## Fruit Drink

Don't waste the apple peels; they make this excellent fruity drink.

Wash the apples before peeling and dry with a cloth, then put the peelings and cores into a pan, add four cloves, and cover with cold water. Bring to

the boil, then simmer until the peels are soft. Strain and add honey to sweeten, then heat up again with the juice of a lemon.

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## MAKING MIRRORS GLEAM

UNLESS a mirror is well groomed and shining, it is neither useful nor decorative.

The strategic position of your mirror is certainly important. Its practical capacity demands that it has a really good light. Of next importance is absolute cleanliness.

To keep the surface bright, dust thoroughly each day, and once a week go over the surface with a leather wrung out of tepid water to which has been added just a little methylated spirits.

Newspapers crumpled until they are soft will give a masterly polish. Grandmother's method to keep her mirrors bright was to polish with a piece of flannel dipped in powdered blue. This method still has points, as you will find a surface so treated remains bright for a long time.

During a spell of foggy weather mirrors often look cloudy and dull. Forestall them by this simple treatment. Wring a cloth out in warm water, sprinkle it with glycerine and then apply it gently to the surface of the mirror. The glycerine forms a fine film over the glass which keeps it unbelievably bright and clear.

## Cleaning the Corners

When cleaning a mirror, watch the corners. A sensible idea is to use a meat skewer. Wrap the point in a piece of cotton wool and poke out the dust from the corners.

Mirrors are temperamental. Be careful where you place them. They loathe damp, and suspended on a damp wall for instance, they will most certainly spoil. But this danger can be averted by fixing a piece of cork to the bottom of the frame at the back, large enough to prevent the mirror actually touching the wall.

If you find that the mirror in your spare room has become stained and smeared through being allowed to lead its own carefree existence, treat it like this:—Make it a "face pack" of fine whitening and methylated spirits, apply with a soft rag and rub well in. When it is quite dry, wipe it off with a duster, and polish briskly. Spirit of wine is also effective in dealing with very obstinate marks. Sponge the mirror with this and then sprinkle the damp surface with French chalk. Wipe off, and give a final polish. The result will be gratifying.

## For the Frames

Mirror frames must be treated very gently. A cut lemon is useful for cleaning a mirror which has a gilt frame. Rub this over and then sponge the frame with water to which a tablespoonful of baking soda has been added to each pint of water. Rub off gently with a soft cloth and polish with a chamois leather.

White enamel frames should be washed in warm soapy water, only do not make them too wet. Rinse in warm water and dry carefully. Lacquered frames which have lost their gloss will respond to a cleaning with warm water and a little lemon juice, and then a good rubbing with a clean flannel. Dry in a warm place and finally polish with a soft leather.

An ordinary wooden frame demands only furniture cream, and that used sparingly. A final brisk polish with a leather will restore it completely.

M. W.



## A SPECIMEN CASE

Case No. A.2166

A boy eleven days old, ninth child of a family of whom only one is alive; father ill and out of work for three months; mother begs for rice from shops. The family has lived in Hong Kong for over ten years. Baby was under-nourished as mother could not feed it adequately. Milk was supplied for the family; the father was helped to hawk and the mother was fed with soup.

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A gas heater which can be fitted to the wall heats water in three degrees—boiling (for tea-making in 40 seconds), hot, and warm, in different time-limits, varying of course with the quantity of water required at one time.

Until now, water so heated has never been entrusted to tea-making.

## Space

Space-saving are the chromium tea and coffee cosies which clip around tea and coffee pots. Felt-lined, these cosies banish the need for the old-fashioned cosy and retain the heat most effectively.

These chromium jackets can be put away on the tea or coffee pot, and so require no more space.

The new key-watch. The watch is fitted into the wide end of the key, its winder protected. Time-saving too, because you will always take more care of a watch than a key, and know where to find it.

## Labour

Among other gadgets worth introducing into the home just now an inhaling mask which is placed over the nose in cases of colds and catarrh, and can be attached to a protected hot bottle for steam inhalation in the event of bronchitis.

The labour-saving of this is not obscure—sickness in the house brings pressure on those who climb the stairs.

Home-dressmaking—hours can be saved by using pinking shears instead of hand-rolling or French seaming the inside seams.

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# WANTS TO BE "POOR MEN'S RULER"

## Virginia Shouts At Laurel

New York. Stan Laurel, perplexed-looking half of the Laurel and Hardy film comedy team, kissed his new wife, Russian singer Illiana, good morning, rushed to his car, and drove to Hollywood studios.

His honeymoon, disturbed by the pursuit of the former Mrs. (Virginia) Laurel during the week-end, was over, but the trouble continued. Virginia burst into town yelling at Laurel and at Illiana, and called for lawyers on all sides.

Laurel continued his policy of flight. To avoid a stormy scene he concealed his new wife in a baggage car when he drove to his home late last night. All to-day Illiana remained indoors. Laurel refused to see Virginia or her representatives on the set, said, "My marriage is O.K., we will have a new honeymoon later."

## Billion Candle-Power Beam From Arc

Stanford University, Cal. Jan. 30. A mercury arc light, no larger than a kitchen match, but which, with a 36-inch reflector, can produce a beam of more than one billion candlepower, has been perfected here.

The light thrown from the match-like tube is greater than that given off by any searchlight developed to date.

So great are the possibilities of this new invention that it has already attracted the attention not only of military authorities at Washington but also those of foreign countries as well.

Medical men also are investigating its possibilities for medical use, especially in the treatment of skin diseases.

The lamp had its scientific premiere when it was demonstrated before some 100 physicists attending the meeting here of the American Physical Society.

The lamp consists of a small quartz tube, not big enough even to serve as a cigarette holder, inside of which there is a drop of mercury and two wire terminals, all sealed.

A current of 1½ amperes, passed through at 1,000 volts, is all that is necessary to produce a beam of one billion candlepower. When the lamp is used for extreme brilliancies, it develops an interior pressure of 15,000 pounds per square inch. It is then necessary to encase it in a water-cooled chamber in which a counteracting pressure of 15,000 pounds per square inch can be developed in order to keep the tiny lamp from bursting.

Besides the military and medicament uses which are already envisioned for the lamp, it is believed that it will find a definite place at Hollywood and also in television. In the Hollywood studios it can be used to light up the faces of players without causing them the intense discomfort of the hot Klieg lights.—United Press.

## GIRL'S MOVE WINS CHESS GAME AFTER TWENTY-TWO YEARS

A girl travelled from Hull to London recently to complete a game of chess which began by post 22 years ago.

She made one move, won in a winning position, his the game, then left on her letters suddenly ceased.

Lieut.-Commander Rogers wondered why—until he learned that his opponent had died in action.

The girl was Miss Eileen McNamee, a post-office telephonist. The original rivals were her father, Lieut. McNamee, R.N., and Lieut.-Commander James G. Rogers, of Chiswick.

They were in different ships during the war, but the game went on.

Letters containing moves were posted regularly.

Then, with Lieut. McNamee

game—in one move.

## Officer And Wife Fight Hotel Thief

AIDED BY HIS WIFE, A BRITISH EX-NAVAL OFFICER ROUTED A NEW YORK BURGLAR RECENTLY.

### OFFICERS MAY LOSE BATMEN

### PLAN FOR PAYMENT OF ALLOWANCES

Officers in some British regiments may lose their batmen.

The shortage of men in the Army has caused the War Office to review the position, and in some cases, it is stated, it might be essential, in the interests of the training and military efficiency of units, to withdraw batmen from officers.

As an experimental measure, it has been decided that where, owing to the shortage of personnel, the strength of privates, troopers, &c., in a unit is 25 per cent. or more below establishment, the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief may authorise servant allowance, although the establishment includes batmen.

### MAINTENANCE NEEDS

There are many cases where it is not practicable for officers to have the services of soldiers as batmen, because of the necessity of the available men being engaged all their time on military training.

This may arise particularly in units which are completely mechanised, and in horsed units where the em-

A bedroom in the fashionable Wyndham Hotel was the scene of the struggle.

Captain Kingsley G. Howe, who is 54 years old, woke about two a.m. to see a man creeping towards the dressing-table, where Mrs. Howe's jewels, worth several hundred pounds, were lying.

Jumping out of bed, the captain tackled the burglar, who fought back. Mrs. Howe then joined in the struggle.

Between them they were able to beat off the intruder.

The police later arrested a man, whose name is given as David Williams, aged 23.

The hotel was in an uproar during the fight—Mrs. Frances Redfield—Captain Howe's daughter—hearing the noise, rushed to the assistance of her parents. She entered their room just as the burglar fled from it.

employment of a minimum number of personnel is essential for maintenance.

Once that minimum was reached, it is stated, batmen could be found only by laying up horses or vehicles, with consequent detriment to training and the organisation of the unit.

Officers are reminded that the allotment of a soldier to an officer as batman did not imply that the soldier was to be exempted from all other duties.

## Pretender To French Throne Gives Interview

By STEPHEN HOUSE

Brussels.

The Comte de Paris, Pretender to the French throne, told me as we sat in his Brussels home recently that the first thing he would do if he became King would be to put France on a co-operative basis and encourage social reforms.

"My father (the Duce de Guise) and I are not opposed to Socialism," he said. "We have looked with great favour on several of the reforms which the Popular Front Government has carried out."

## EMPIRE NEWS

### THE CASE AGAINST ALBERTA

Ottawa.

The hearing before the Canadian Supreme Court on the power of the Dominion Government to disallow Alberta legislation began to-day.

The Credit of Alberta Regulation Act was disallowed by the Dominion Government on Aug. 17 last. Thereupon Alberta's Social Credit Premier, Mr. Abernethy, introduced three bills—one dealing with taxation of banks, another with credit regulation, and a third with control of the Press. To these the Lt.-Governor of Alberta, Capt. J. C. Bowen, withheld his consent. His power to do this is also before the court.

To-day Mr. Almo Geoffrion, counsel for the Dominion, argued that the constitutional growth of Canada into an autonomous State, with limited powers of self-government, had not changed the statutory relationships between the Dominion and the provinces.

Senate Vacancies.—Vacancies in the Canadian Senate now number six, following the death of Senator Almo Bernard. The Conservative lead in the Senate is still substantial.

### AUSTRALIA

#### AIR FORCE CRASHES

Sydney.

Mr. Thorby, Minister for Defence in the Federal Cabinet, states that the technical committee which has been inquiring into the Air Force crashes of Hawker Demon machines obtained from Britain has reported that there is no fault to be found with the mechanical and general efficiency of the planes.

It is noted that there were nine accidents in Hawker Demon two seater fighters supplied from England. One pilot was killed and six other members of crews were injured.

The accidents appeared to be due almost entirely to inexperienced piloting, or to poor mechanical supervision on the ground, resulting in failure of wheel brakes.

Flying-Boat Services.—Five thousand persons, including Cabinet Ministers, welcomed the Imperial Airways flying-boat Centaurus, which arrived to-day at Rose Bay, Sydney, after a flight of 10 hours from Auckland, New Zealand. Mr. Thorby states that all Australian flying-boat bases will be ready in June. Temporary bases will be ready in April.

### INDIA

#### RAILWAYS RETURN TO PROSPERITY

Calcutta.

The annual report of the Railway board, issued to-day, confirms the fact that the Indian railways have definitely emerged from years of depression.

The gross traffic receipts of State owned railways are £72,000,000—an increase of nearly £4,000,000 as compared with the figures for the previous years. After meeting all charges, the net profit is £900,000.

The most serious problems which the administration is facing are road competition and illicit travel. Viceroy in Madras.—The Viceroy, the Marquess of Linlithgow, and the Marchioness of Linlithgow, who left Calcutta on Thursday, arrived in Madras to-day. They are on a six weeks' tour.—Reuter.

### KENYA

#### ELEPHANT HUNTER FINED

Mombasa.

A European was fined and a pair of elephant tusks, which set up a Kenya record for weight, were confiscated by an order in court here to-day.

It appears that a hunter shot and wounded a tusk which escaped. Gunbearers who afterwards discovered the carcass of an elephant brought in the tusks, which weighed 189lb. and 171lb.

It was then discovered that these were not the tusks of the animal shot, and investigations were made by the police.

"That most of them have turned out to be of little use is not the fault of the Government, but of present-day conditions in France."

"Our country has no leader, no focal point. It needs a King just like you English have. A King would give France the rallying point it needs."

"If I were King of France I would try to be a second Louis IX (the Good King). But I would use more 'flair'."

Ever since he last saw France as a student of 16—he is now 20—the Comte has studied social conditions in the land of his fathers.

Always he has been preparing for the day when his people will recall him.

He hates the thought of a coup. Those around him constantly emphasise that neither he nor they have had anything to do with the Cagoulard plot.

"The main problem before France to-day is the improvement of the conditions in which the poor live," the Comte added.

"I would make myself a poor man's King. My ambition is to give back France to the real Frenchmen, and France is rich enough to support forty million happy Frenchmen."

"The privileges of France should go to the real sons of France—the peasants, sons of the soil."

### WAR CROSS

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## Secret Bid By Foreign Power For Giant Dock

With the greatest secrecy, representatives of a foreign Power are negotiating for the purchase of the world's biggest floating dock the 60,000-ton structure owned by the Southern Railway at Southampton, says the Sunday Express.

While admitting that these representatives have visited Southampton, the Southern Railway state: "It is inexpedient to mention at the moment the name of the Power that wants to buy the dock. To do so might prejudice the chances of a deal." It is denied, however, that Japan is interested.

At the Southern Railway headquarters at Waterloo the Sunday Express was told: "No bids have yet been made for the dock. We understand that its purchase has been considered in Australia and South Africa."

The representatives who have inspected the dock, which has an overall length of 960 feet and covers an area of 3¼ acres, have been supplied with complete details and plan.

Colonies, has arrived here by air and left immediately for Zanzibar.

### SOUTH AFRICA

#### BANNED BOOK PLANS

Cape Town.

Commenting on the report from London that the publishers of Mr. Stuart Cloete's novel, "Turning Wheels"—of which the import into the Union has been forbidden—intended printing the book in South Africa, Mr. Stuttaford, Minister of the Interior, said that he could not ban such printing.

Mr. Havenga's Opponent.—Mr. Justice Boyers, formerly judge in the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court and Minister of Mines in Gen. Horizons' first Cabinet of 1924, announced his intention to contest Mr. Havenga's seat in the House of Representatives.



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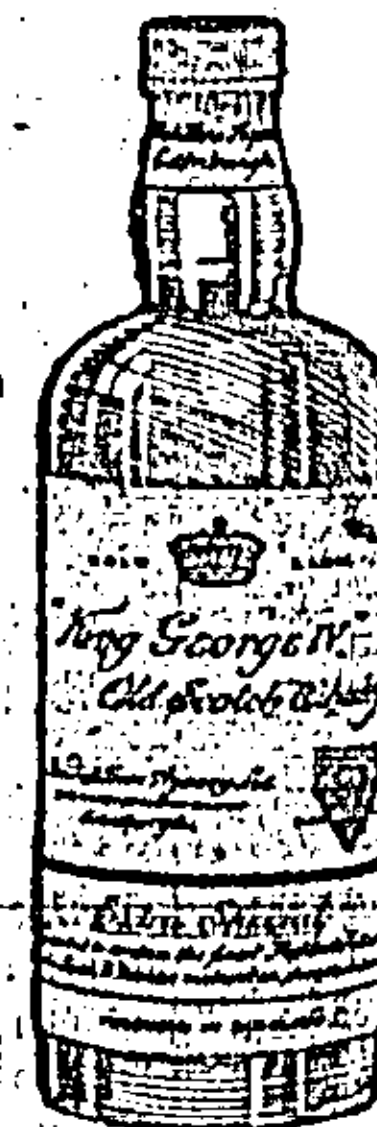


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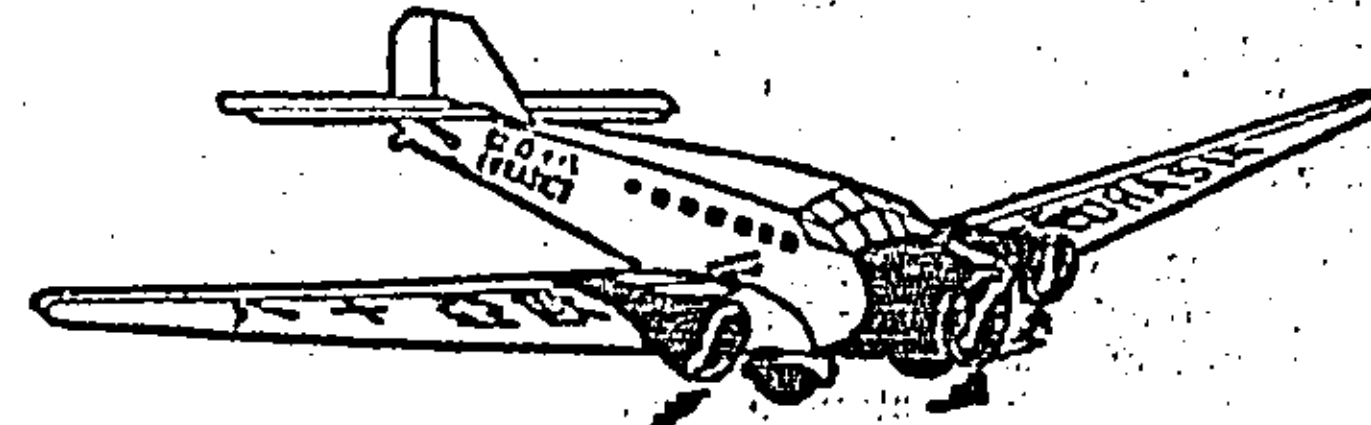
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STOCK MARKET  
REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 12.30 p.m. Saturday, reads:

A fair activity prevailed in the market, with prices ruling firm and in some stocks there is an improvement in rates. Enquiries are general and the undertone steady. Banks changed hands at \$1.45, Hotels at \$6.05, Dairy Farms at \$25.10, Trams at \$15.4, and Wharves at \$11.75. Manila continues to show a slight advance.

## Buyers

Hongkong Bank \$1.470  
Union Insurance \$501  
China Underwriters \$1.40  
Doughlases \$60  
H.K. & K. Wharves \$11.75  
Providents (Old) \$2.00  
Providents (New) \$0.05  
H. & S. Hotels \$6  
H.K. Lands \$32.4  
Humphreys \$8.70  
H.K. Realities \$5.15  
H. K. Tramways \$15.4  
Peak Trams (Old) \$6.4  
China Lights (New) \$7.45  
Macao Electric \$19.4  
Telephones (Old) \$25.00  
Cements \$13.4  
Dairy Farms \$25.10  
Constructions \$1.4  
Marssmans (H.K.) \$/- 4/3

## Sellers

Hongkong Bank \$1.490  
Peak Trams (New) \$3.4  
Wm. Powell, Ltd. \$0.65  
Sales  
Hongkong Bank \$1.480/00 c.d.  
Union Insurance \$501/02  
H.K. & K. Wharves \$11.75  
Antomaks 60 cts.  
Atoks 20 cts.  
Bagulo Gold 24 cts.  
Benguet Consol Pa.9.00  
Coco Grove 60 cts.  
Consolidated Mines 011 cts.  
Demonstrations 43 1/2 cts.  
H. & S. Hotels \$6  
Humphreys \$8.70  
H.K. Tramways \$15.4  
Telephones (Old) \$25.00

THIEVES CAUGHT  
AT TAIKOO YARD

Arrested in the Taikoo Dockyard during the week-end, four men were separately charged with larceny before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy to-day. The men were not employees of the Dockyard. To Kwong, 32, with a police record, was sentenced to two months' hard labour and recommended for banishment on a charge of larceny of seven pounds of electric cables. Cheung Choi, 27, on a similar charge, was sentenced to four weeks' hard labour. Lam Yee, 20, was sentenced to three weeks' hard labour for larceny of ten pounds of lead. Wong Lam, 27, was sentenced to three weeks' hard labour for larceny of two pounds of lead.

TROOPS TO SHELTER  
IN OLD PRISON

The Rajputana Rifles are being relieved of their unpleasant spell under canvas at Marina Camp shortly, since it is learned that 150 are being removed to the old Luncheon Prison for temporary accommodation. The remainder will be put under cover where possible.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 28th February to 9th March, 1938, both days inclusive.

Dated this 10th day of February, 1938.

Order of the Board.

W. L. MCKENZIE,  
Secretary.14, Des Voeux Road Central,  
Hong Kong.

## FOUGHT IN STREET

Telling them that they ought to have more sense at their age, Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, at the Central Magistracy to-day, bound over in a bond of \$10 each for 12 months a 50-year-old woman, Hon King, and a 62-year-old man, Chiu Wu, who were charged with fighting in the street.

FENGYANG FALLS TO  
CHINESE ATTACK

(Continued from Page 1.)

Chinese forces have started to counter-attack at Liangtsien, on the northern section of the Tientsin-Pukow railway. Yesterday severe fighting ensued and several Chinese regiments entered the city of Wen-shing in Shantung, and engaged the Japanese defenders in bloody street fighting which lasted up to late last night. Japanese reinforcements of 1,000 men are being rushed from Taining.

Chinese troops have destroyed the highway between Taining and Yenchow.—United Press.

Japanese Advance Likely  
To Be Slow

Peking, Feb. 14. The Japanese advance along the Peking-Hankow railway is likely to be slow as the Chinese have completely destroyed 33 miles of the railway and the embankments south of Changteh, and have also opened the canal bank, swamping the countryside.

Guerrilla activities against Japanese communications have intensified in the past few days. There has been fighting outside of Paotingfu, irregular troops appeared near Chuchow, 40 miles from Peking.—Reuter.

## Battle Continues

Shanghai, Feb. 14. The long-heralded battle for the Lunghai railway, which promises to be the biggest engagement of the present war unless the Chinese lines collapse, has approached nearer with dramatic suddenness in advances of sweeping Japanese columns.

The Chinese retreat from the River Hwai followed a bitter struggle in which their defence works were pounded by artillery and aeroplanes, and almost completely destroyed. Official despatches claim capture by the Japanese in a battle for the River Hwai of 13,000 rifles, 300 machine-guns, 300 mortars, 300 rifles, one trench mortar, and 75,000 rounds of ammunition, while the Chinese are stated to have left 1,500 dead on the field.

Another severe battle is now being fought across the banks of the River Hwai with the Chinese so far preventing all Japanese attempts to cross the river.—Reuter.

## Japanese Advances

Hankow, Feb. 14. The Chinese have blown up the railway bridge spanning the Hwai River, and are now facing the Japanese, who are exchanging fire with them from the southern bank of the river.

Japanese forces operating in south Hwai, captured Puyang only a few miles from the nearest point on the Lunghai railway, and are continuing their advance towards the Yellow River. The occupation of Puyang marked an advance of more than 40 miles since the Japanese, breaking a three-months deadlock, launched a drive from Taining six days ago.

The Japanese appear to be aiming at crossing the Yellow River for an attack on Kaifeng, which is only ten miles south of the great waterway. An advancing column is now heading along the highway leading to Changyuan, and from there, presumably, it will press on to Fengchiu, a town situated near the north bank of the Yellow River.

According to an unconfirmed report, a force of 2,000 to 3,000 Japanese troops has already been sighted at two points on the north bank of the Yellow River, south-east of Puyang, and is making an attempt to cross the river.

Meanwhile the Japanese "push" down the Peking-Hankow railway is continuing successfully. Striking along the railway with amazing speed, the Japanese first captured Tangyin, 10 miles south of Changteh in north Hwai, which is the base for their operations, and then swept along to Kaotun, only four stations north of Slansing, which is at the junction of the Peking-Hankow and the Taokow-Chinghua railways.—Reuter.

Chinese Officially  
Admit Losses

Hankow, Feb. 14. The Sao Tang Pao, official Chinese army organ, says that Chinese forces on the Hwai river front retreated 20 miles yesterday while defending the north bank of the river. Tsaolotai was lost to the Japanese.

Chinese reports claimed that 10 days of fighting on the Hwai River resulted in 1,000 Japanese troops being killed. Chinese casualties were also heavy. A whole regiment under a commander named Yu was annihilated, and six battalion commanders were killed yesterday alone.

Verneular papers here have published the report that Chinese troops retreated 25 miles yesterday on the Peking-Hankow railway front from Prolitenshu to Laotun, on the south bank of the River Chi.

Some 5,000 Japanese troops continued to press southward last night along the railway with both flank 1,000 strong. Severe fighting was resumed at Tanghai on the Tientsin-Pukow railway yesterday.

The Sao Tang Pao says that 3,000 Japanese troops appeared yesterday on the north bank of the Yellow River, south-east of Puyang, and were trying to cross the river.

Japanese troops from Puyang were also disturbing the vicinity of Changyuan and Fengchiu, the latter town being 20 miles from Kaifeng, across the Yellow River.—United Press.

SERVANTS INVOLVED  
IN HEROIN  
PILL MAKING

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some heroin pills, all the others denied the charge.

## DID NOT SEE GARDENER

Copies of a plan of the premises were produced by Mr. P. C. Morgan, of the P.W.D. after which evidence was given by Mr. Potts, Revenue Officer Butler and Tse Sung, the Officer Butler and Tse Sung, the last-named stated that the room where the pills were found was occupied by the house coolie, the cook and the chauffeur. On the night before the raid, she saw the first, third and fourth prisoners inside but did not notice the gardener.

Senior Revenue Officer A. W. Grimmett testified to having found part of a pill machine and some trays about 20 yards north-east of the servants' quarters, and Mr. D. E. Davies, Acting Government Monopoly Analyst, told of analysing the pills and finding they contained heroin.

## WATCHED PILLS MADE

After the statements made by accused at the Police Station had been read by Mr. David Wong, interpreter, second prisoner gave evidence, denying all knowledge of the pills. He said that on the morning in question he brought something to first accused in the room and sat there for a while watching the pills being made.

Cross-examined, accused denied having admitted in the Police Court that he put some of the pills inside envelopes. He had stained his hands through handling fish, he said.

The third prisoner said she went to the place to ask first accused to return the money which she had given him to buy salt fish. While there she handled the pill counting board out of curiosity and put some of the pills on it for fun.

Making a statement from the dock, the third prisoner pleaded for leniency, saying that he now realised it was wrong to allow his friends to make use of his room as a pill factory. The case is proceeding.

Japanese munitions, the water tower, Pengpu station, and a pontoon bridge across the Yellow River.—United Press.

Chinese Withdrawing From  
Tangyang

Chengchow, Feb. 14. After a terrific all-day battle in which Chinese defence works were completely destroyed by concentrated Japanese artillery fire, the Chinese troops have retreated from Tangyang, important railway city on the Peking-Hankow line in north Hwai to take up new positions along the Chi River twenty kilometers to the south.

The Japanese, launching a fierce assault from Changteh, used hundreds of tons of ammunition and sacrificed a large number of their men before they succeeded in dislodging the Chinese troops.

Twenty heavy field pieces kept pounding the Chinese throughout the morning of February 11, while eight or nine tanks lumbered into action to flank the Chinese positions from the left.

It is estimated at least 800 shells were rained on the Chinese defenders that morning alone, making the Chinese positions untenable.

Throughout the engagement a squadron of Japanese bombers dropping tons of missiles on the Chinese trenches and behind the lines.

Fighting valiantly and contesting every inch of the ground before the advancing invaders, the Chinese forces retreated gradually, their positions several times before withdrawing to the new defence line along the Chi River.—Central News.

## Holding New Line

Hsuechow, Feb. 14. The heavy downpour which continued throughout yesterday morning has quietened fighting along the new Chinese line north of the Hwai River.

After crossing the Hwai River, the Japanese opened an all-day attack on the Chinese troops on Saturday but were repulsed with heavy losses.

The Chinese centre positions are now between the Hwai and the Kwei Rivers and maintain close contact with the right wing guarding the north bank of the Ko River.—Central News.

## Japanese Suffer Heavily

Shanghai, Feb. 14. Chinese reports state that despite the withdrawal of the main body of Chinese troops on the north bank of the River Hwai, a small detachment re-crossed the river and delivered a slashing attack on Japanese positions. The outcome of the battle has not yet been determined.

Meanwhile it is said that large numbers of Japanese troops are crossing the Hwai River to the north, following the Chinese stand at Linhuakwan, in which the entire Japanese vanguard was wiped out.

A Japanese military spokesman said that Japanese troops pushed back Chinese after crossing the river 40 miles south of Changteh, and that Chinese troops retreated in great disorder from Kangyin, where they had been hemmed in since February 11 from the north, east and west. He said that on February 11 and 12, over 2,000 Chinese soldiers were slain.

According to Dome's correspondent at Changteh, Japanese troops occupied Chinsien at 11 o'clock yesterday, following behind a tank unit. Japanese troops are now within 60 miles of Chengchow, junction of the Peking-Hankow and Lunghai railways, which is considered the gateway to Hankow.—United Press.

MILLIONS SHIPPED IN  
TREASURE

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Middle China, and to the value of \$7,001 from Kwong Chow Wan; and Chinese subsidiary coins to the value of \$120,507 were received from Kwong Chow Wan, \$37,383 from Middle China and \$200 from Macao.

Gold imports into Hongkong totalled \$1,512,238, made up as follows.

## GOLD BARS AND INGOTS

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\$11,000

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British Malaya \$5,000

## FOREIGN GOLD COINS

British Malaya \$30,500

## GOLD LEAF

No movements of Silver Bars, Ingots or Hongkong Silver Dollars were recorded during January.

HOUSE-BREAKER  
"INSIDE" FOR  
THREE YEARS

Having 18 previous convictions against him since 1925, Chung Cheung was sentenced to three years with hard labour when he appeared before the Police Magistrate, Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell at the Session this morning.

The defendant was charged with having broken into 73 Chung On Street and stealing jewellery and money on November 26, and breaking into the ground floor of 25 Ha Heung Road and stealing three pieces of clothing on December 20.

Mr. M. J. Abbott, assistant Crown solicitor, prosecuted.

Before sentence was passed, prisoner said most of the offences were committed when he was very young and he had got into bad company. No one would employ him, and he did not have any money to start any business. When he worked as a hawkie he was arrested several times in a week.

He had to support his father who was 70 years of age, and requested His Lordship to deal with him leniently.

His Lordship remarked that after serving his sentence, consideration would be given in the matter of assisting the defendant.

His sentence of three years would date from the expiration of his present sentence, prisoner at present serving a four-month term for another house-breaking.

ONLY ONE OF  
QUARTETTE  
STILL AT LARGE

The third of a gang of four men who had stolen 32 moulding frames from a factory in Taihookai on February 10, was charged before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfarlayen at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. The first two were sentenced on Saturday. The fourth man wanted in the case is still at large.

It was stated that a District Watchman had seen four men carrying a frame apiece in Prince Edward Road early in the morning. He managed to arrest one, and was taken to a sideline where 22 other frames, which had been stolen previously, were found. The second thief had been arrested that evening, while on Saturday evening the third, Tse Choi, 28, was arrested on information.

Tse was sentenced to one month in gaol with hard labour.

## POST OFFICE.

## INTERNAL AIRWAYS

Ordinary air mail letters for Imperial Airways Direct Service to Europe etc., will, until further notice, be closed at Kowloon Post Office and General Post Office at 9.00 a.m. on Sundays. Letters for this Service may be posted in the ordinary post-boxes at Kowloon Post Office and General Post Office. They should be clearly marked "By Air Mail" and bear sufficient postage. Insufficiently prepaid letters may be forwarded by Special Service, at the discretion of the Post Office.

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## SHANGHAI AIR SERVICE

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## OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

## INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Due
Air Mail by Pan American Airways		
Direct Service—San Francisco date	Pan American Airways Plane	February 15.
6th February.		
Shanghai and Swatow	Szechuen	February 15.
Saleutta and Straits	Taiwan	February 15.
Salgan	Aramis	February 16.
Manila	Emp. of Canada	February 16.
Shanghai, Amoy and Swatow	Luchow	February 16.
Australia and Manila	Atsuta Maru	February 17.
Haliphong	Canton	February 17.
Straits and Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers) London, 20th January and London Parcels—London date, 13th January.	Kaisar-I-Hind	February 17.
Calcutta and Straits	Kutsang	February 17.
Straits, Manila and London Parcels—London date, 6th January.	Menesheus	February 17.
Japan and Shanghai	Free Doumer	February 17.
Amoy	Yochow	February 17.
Straits	Bangalore	February 18.
Japan and Shanghai	Carthage	February 18.
Haliphong	G.G. Paul Doumer	February 19.
Shanghai	Victoria	February 19.
Japan	Delagat Maru	February 20.
Straits	Yajore	February 20.
Japan	Titan	February 20.

## OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time
Monday		
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. and South Pres.	McKinley	Mon., Feb. 14.
America and Europe via Victoria	Parcels	Feb. 14, 3 p.m.
B.C.—due Victoria B.C., 6th March	Reg.	Feb. 14, 4.15 p.m.
Air Mail for Chungking by the C.N.A.C. Plane	K. P. O.	Mon., Feb. 14.
"C.N.A.C. Airways Direct Service"	Reg.	Feb. 14, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Feb. 14, 5 p.m.
	G. P. O.	
	Reg.	Feb. 14, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Feb. 15, 0 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Tilava	Mon., Feb. 14, 5 p.m.
	Parcels	Feb. 15, 0 a.m.
Tuesday		
Samshui and Wuchow	Tai Ming	Tues., Feb. 15, 8.15 a.m.
Manila, Makassar and Sourabaya	Tsitsandao	Tues., Feb. 15, 8.30 a.m.
Air Mail for Siam, Lanchow and Eurasia Plane	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Tues., Feb. 15.
Chengtu, etc. (via Hankow) by the "Eurasia Airways Service" (To further points by surface transport as Services permit).	Reg.	Feb. 15, 9 a.m.
	Ord.	Feb. 15, 9.30 a.m.
	On Lee	Tues., Feb. 15, 10 a.m.
Kongmoon	Seistan	Tues., Feb. 15, 3 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Tainan	Tues., Feb. 15, 3.30 p.m.
Amoy	Kalgan	Tues., Feb. 15, 3.30 p.m.
Salgan	Hellikon	Tues., Feb. 15, 3.30 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Mausang	Tues., Feb. 15, 4 p.m.
	Parcels	Feb. 15, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Feb. 15, 5 p.m.
Wednesday		
Swatow and Fochow and Tientsin	Hohow	Wed., Feb. 16, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow and Bangkok	Kalgan	Wed., Feb. 16, 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Aramis	Wed., Feb. 16, 1.20 p.m.
Thursday		
Swatow and Shanghai	Kwangtung Thurs.	Feb. 17, 8.30 a.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand	Changte	Thurs., Feb. 17.
via Thursday Island—due Thursday, 1st March	Parcels	Feb. 17, 3 p.m.
	Reg.	Feb. 17, 4.15 p.m.
	Ord.	Feb. 17, 5 p.m.
Salgan, Ceylon, India, East and President Doumer	G. P. O. and K. P. O.	Thurs., Feb. 17.
South Africa, Egypt and Europe	Reg.	Feb. 17, 4.15 p.m.
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### Rear-Admiral Townsend Visit Only "Nice, Friendly Gesture"

Singapore, Feb. 13.

Three United States cruisers, the Trenton, Memphis and Milwaukee, have arrived at the naval base for the opening of the new dock to-morrow, after 13 days non-stop trip from Sydney.

Official calls were exchanged between Rear-Admiral Townsend and Vice-Admiral Ramsay.

The United States ships are not participating in the opening ceremony, but it is expected they will be full-dressed for the occasion.

Rear-Admiral Townsend stated: "We are merely lookers-on. Our attendance is a nice, friendly gesture, but it has no international significance."—Reuter.

## AUSTRO-GERMAN TALKS FAIL TO PRODUCE COMPLETE AGREEMENT

Berlin, Feb. 13.

Despite the silence maintained in official circles, it is understood from well-informed diplomatic quarters, that in view of the extensive scope of the problems discussed by Herr Adolf Hitler and Dr. Kurt von Schuschnigg Austrian Chancellor, it has not been possible to reach agreement on all details.

Hope, however, is held out that in the near future there will be unanimity of opinion on all matters now outstanding.

It is understood that it was agreed to maintain the fundamental principles of the Austro-German agreement of July 11 last, despite the various obstacles confronting an agreement.

Herr von Papen returned to Vienna with Dr. Schuschnigg, the Austrian statesman.—Reuter.

### VON RIBBENTROP REPORTED ON WAY TO ITALY

Another surprising diplomatic move became known this afternoon by the arrival of Herr von Ribbentrop at Bremen, en route to Rome. Five Italian officials awaited the coming of the German Foreign Minister.

However, a Berlin message says that the report that Herr von Ribbentrop had gone to Italy has been officially and categorically denied. It was stated in Berlin that Herr von Ribbentrop was at present on his way to the German capital.—Reuter.

### STRAIGHT TALKING BY SCHUSCHNIGG

Vienna, Feb. 13. It is learned here that Dr. Kurt von Schuschnigg put Austria's case with some energy during yesterday's conversations with Herr Hitler, and it is believed each statesman said "No" to the other's principal requests.

Herr Hitler declined to dissociate himself, the Nazi Party and the Reich from the Austrian illegal Nazis, while Dr. Schuschnigg refused to join in the anti-Communist pact.

A long discussion on economic questions was also believed to have been unfruitful. Dr. Schuschnigg reported that he had declined the proposal that Austria should buy all its coal exclusively from Germany.

Austrian satisfaction in the talks is due to the feeling that the conversations, while not involving Austria in commitments inconsistent with her independence and the preservation of her status quo in Central Europe, have at least allowed a clearing of the atmosphere. A meeting of the Cabinet is probably being held to-morrow, and any definite Cabinet reshuffle is likely to be postponed until something more definite emerges from the Berchtesgaden talks.—Reuter.

### MANILA SHARES

The following business done quotations were received after the close of the morning session by Swan, Culbertson & Fritz from their Manila office:

Business Done	Prices in Pesos
Amamok	27
Atok	20
Baguio Gold	24 1/2
Consolidated	24 1/2
Coco Grove	20
Consolidated Mines	24 1/2
Deconsaration	24 1/2
L.I.L.	24 1/2
Paracale	24 1/2
San Marcelino	24 1/2
Suppe	24 1/2
United Paracale	24 1/2

The tone of the market—firm.

## Guns Awaken Canton

### Pearl River Will Be Reopened

Canton, Feb. 14. Three large Japanese bombers crossed over Salween at 115 this morning, heading north. Heavy anti-aircraft fire met them, the thunder of the guns being audible in the city, but apparently no hits were registered.

After a week of dull and rainy weather, the Japanese airmen apparently intend to take advantage of the clear sky. This was particularly noticeable yesterday when relay after relay of Japanese planes crossed the countryside north of Canton, carrying out operations in various parts of the province, including the Canton-Hankow railway.

### PREPARING FOR REOPENING OF PEARL RIVER

Shipping both at Canton and Hongkong is preparing for the re-opening of the passage to Canton on Tuesday morning. There are several ships in Hongkong waiting for the passage to Canton, including the Indo-China S. N. Company's Pingwo, which has a heavy cargo for Canton and is expected to leave before noon to-morrow for the barrier. River steamers also will take up their services again from both Canton and Hongkong. The Military Authorities in Canton have notified the various shipping companies that the barrier is to be reopened.

The passage which will be used will be the Hill Passage, a detour being made from the main river. This passage can now accommodate ships up to nearly 14 feet draught and the most recent surveys show that its depth is actually about six feet more than formerly charted. The deepening which has made all the old charts incorrect, is believed to be the result of the blocking of the river in other channels which has diverted a greater volume of water through the Hill Passage with a consequent scouring effect. The barrier in the Hill Passage, though effective, is said by shipping people to be very light, and composed only of junks partly filled with stones.

### SHARE PRICES

The following is the list of local share quotations issued this morning:

H.K. Banks, \$1,485 sa. cum div.	
H.K. Banks, (Lon. Reg.), £80 n. ex. div.	
Chartered Bank, £12 1/2 n.	
Mercantile Bank, A. and B. £20 n.	
Mercantile Bank, C., £14 n.	
East Asia Bank, \$82 n.	
Insurances	
Canton Ins., \$260 n.	
Union Ins., \$502 b. and sa.	
China Underwriters, \$140 b.	
H.K. Fire Ins., \$240 n.	
Shipping	
Douglas, \$60 b.	
H.K. Steamboats, \$9 1/2 n.	
Indo-China (Prof.), \$51 n.	
Indo-China (Def.), \$43 n.	
Shell Bearer \$9 7/8 n.	
Union Waterworks, \$30 n.	
Docks etc.	
H.K. & Wharves, \$11 1/2 b. and sa.	
H.K. W. Docks, \$28 1/2 b.	
Providents (old), \$200 b.	
Providents (new), 65 cts. b.	
New Engineering, Sh. \$5 n.	
Shanghai Docks, Sh. \$5 n.	
Kailan Mining Adm., 14/- n.	
Ratbys, \$7 n.	
Venz, Goldfield, \$4 n.	
Hongkong Mines 10 cts. n.	
Philippine Mining	
Antamoles, P. 61 sa.	
Atoks, P. 29 sa.	
Baguio Gold, P. 24 sa.	
Benquet Consol., P. 10.00 sa.	
Benquet Explor., P. 10.00 sa.	
Big Wedge, P. 10.00 sa.	
Coco Grove, P. 67 sa.	
Consolidated Mines, P. 61 sa.	
Demonstrations, P. 44 sa.	
E. Mindanao, P. 44 sa.	
Gumatus G'fields, P. 44 sa.	
Ipo Gold, P. 73 sa.	
Ilogons, P. 73 sa.	
Masbate Consols., P. 73 sa.	
Min. Resources, P. 73 sa.	
Northern Min., P. 73 sa.	
Paracale Gums, P. 20 sa.	
Salacot Mining, P. 78 sa.	
San Marcelino, P. 21 sa.	
Sivor Consol., P. 21 sa.	
United Paracales, P. 58 sa.	
Lands, Hotels, etc.	
H. and S. Hotels, \$0.05 b.	
H.K. Lands, \$33 b.	
H.K. Lands, 47/8 Deben, \$100 n.	
Shui Land, \$6 1/2 n.	
Metropolitan Lands, Sh. —	
Humphries, \$5 1/2 n.	
H.K. Realities, \$5.25 b.	
Chinese Estates, \$80 n.	
China Realities, Sh. —	
China Deben, —	
Utilities	
H.K. Tramways, \$15.25 b.	
Peak Trams (old), \$0 1/2 b.	
Peak Trams (new), \$3 1/2 a.	
Star Ferries \$8 1/2 n.	
Yau-mat Ferries (old), \$24 1/2 b.	
China Light (old), \$10.00 b.	
China Light (new), \$7.45 b.	
H.K. Electric, \$50 1/2 b.	
Maeco Electric, \$10 1/2 b.	
Sandakan Light, \$14 1/2 n.	
Telephone (old), \$20.80 b.	
Telephone (new), \$20 n.	
China Buses, Sh. —	

U.S. Cross rate in London ... 5.01 1/2

## UNIVERSITY TO REOPEN

Owing to Japanese aggression becoming serious in South China at the end of last year, the National Sun Yat-sen University closed its doors temporarily on December 27.

After successfully accomplishing a programme of good work, the students of the University gradually returned to Canton during the early part of this month and as a result, the University will reopen on Thursday, in the Shek-pai campus.

The final examination for the first semester will be held between February 25 and March 3 and all students of the second semester will register on March 4 or 5. Classes will begin the day after registration.

## THIEF CONVICTED; UNLICENSED DEALER REMANDED

Convicted of stealing four black-wood tables and four stools from a furniture shop in Shanghai Street on February 1, and three cotton quilts from a shop in Shantung Street on February 10, Ip Tung, 21, unemployed, was fined \$45, or nine weeks in gaol, by Mr. K. M. A. Barnett at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

Detective Sergeant H. J. Baldwin said in both cases defendant had waited in and helped himself while the folks were engaged elsewhere. He had been arrested on information on Saturday.

Another man, Cheung Fuk, 42, was charged with receiving the stolen property and with carrying on the business of a marine store dealer without a licence. He was remanded to Friday.

### EXCHANGE

Selling	Buying
T.T. London	1s. 2 1/2
Demand	1s. 2 1/2
T.T. Shanghai	104 1/2
T.T. Singapore	102 1/2
T.T. Japan	100 1/2
T.T. India	82
T.T. U.S.A.	31 1/2
T.T. Manila	62 1/2
T.T. Batavia	65 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	149 1/2
T.T. Saigon	93 1/2
T.T. France	9.35
T.T. Germany	70 1/2
T.T. Switzerland	133 1/2
T.T. Australia	1.04 1/2
4 m/s L/C London	1.34
4 m/s D/P do	1.35 1/2
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	31 1/2
4 m/s France	10.00
30 d/s India	83 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	5.01 1/2

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### VISIT OF ISLINGTON CORINTHIANS

To The Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir.—I would like to make a suggestion through the columns of your newspaper about the matches to be played in Hongkong against the Corinthians. It seems to me those responsible for making the arrangements have been a little unfair to the visiting team in the order of the various matches. If reports are correct the Corinthians are to play what will probably be the best and most interesting match the day after their arrival, which is a little hard on the visitors.

Again the next most important match, versus the pick of Hongkong, is to be played on a Sunday the day after the visitors play the Civilians. It would be much fairer after the week's rest here for the visitors to play the match versus Hongkong on the Saturday when they would be fit and fresh and more able to do themselves justice.

There is another point and that is there are many people in Hongkong who wish to see the Corinthians play Hongkong, but do not wish to attend a game on Sunday. It will be a real football treat to see that match, and a little hard that many who wish to see it will be deterred from seeing it because played on Sunday.

I would suggest in fairness to the visitors that the Corinthians versus Hongkong match should be played on Saturday, after their rest of several days, and in order to meet the wishes of many who like myself feel they cannot attend on Sunday. J.H.M.

## I HAVE JUST COME BACK FROM SHANGHAI

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ment, the Shanghai Volunteer Corps—a form of international Territorials—and units of foreign Regular troops. Their chief task is protect international interests.

### Welsh Commander

THE International Settlement is the business and commercial centre, while the French Concession is more the dormitory of Shanghai. The latter is protected and governed by French authorities, and a special police force replaces the Volunteer Corps. This force is composed chiefly of British residents in the area, and is commanded by a Welshman—Eric Davies—who is able to address his Breton constables in their own dialect.

These two municipalities must not be considered as colonies, for they are only leased from the Chinese as the result of treaties, although under the grant of extra-territoriality the nations, other than Germany, apply the laws of their country to their own subjects.

Shanghai, therefore, is an international oasis on foreign soil. The French Concession and the International Settlement are bounded by the Chinese City, which, until recently, was ruled over by its own mayor, young, American-educated O. K. Yui. This Chinese City is now completely in the hands of the Japanese.

### DANISHEE SENTENCED

Sentence of a year's imprisonment was passed on Yeung Shing, 27, unemployed, by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning for returning to the Colony before the expiration of his ten years banishment term, imposed in December 1937.

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Shui Cotton (old), Sh. \$57 n.	
Zoong Sing, Sh. —	
Wing On Textiles, Sh. —	
Miscellaneous	
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Vibro Piling, \$8 n.	
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H.K. Govt. 3 1/2 Loan par m.	
Wallace Harpers, \$5 1/2 n.	
Maramans Ins. (Lon.), 1/10 n.	
Maramans Inv. (H.K.), 1/10 n.	

## SAFE DIET FOR GASTRIC ULCERS

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## LADY, SHALL WE DANCE—NEW RHYTHM, NEW STEPS?

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### Remember Them?

BUT this new sort of dancing became a craze with the younger people. In the next four years scores of "modern" dances, under such names as the Grizzly Bear, the Bunny Hug, the one-step, the foxtrot, the turkey-trot, the Lame Duck, and the tango (not at all like the modern dance), made their appearance.

Why the foxtrot and the one-step (from which we have derived the quick-step) should have survived while all those others have been forgotten, nobody knows. It is one of those things that "just happened." An American enthusiast for figures has computed that if the inventors of the foxtrot had patented the dance, and were in the position of demanding a penny for every 20 foxtrots publicly played, their annual income would now be something in excess of \$2,000,000,000!

### Fresh Ideas

IN point of fact, the foxtrot was not invented but evolved from the Hesitation, the Lame Duck, and the turkey-trot, just as our modern quick-step evolved from the Bunny Hug, the Grizzly Bear, and one-step.

There are no proprietary rights in dancing steps, and those fairy god-parents of the modern ballroom, the Castles, claimed no royalties for the new ideas they had sprung upon an astonished world. Poor Vernon Castle was killed in an air crash in Texas in 1918; had he lived he would have been a dollar millionaire many times over, such was his reputation as a dancer and teacher of dancing.

Now we want to break with tradition as completely as the foxtrot broke with the tradition of the lancers and the quadrille.

And I think that the next novelty for our ballrooms will be similarly evolved rather than from a synthetic effort by composers and dancing teachers in the tin-pan alleys.

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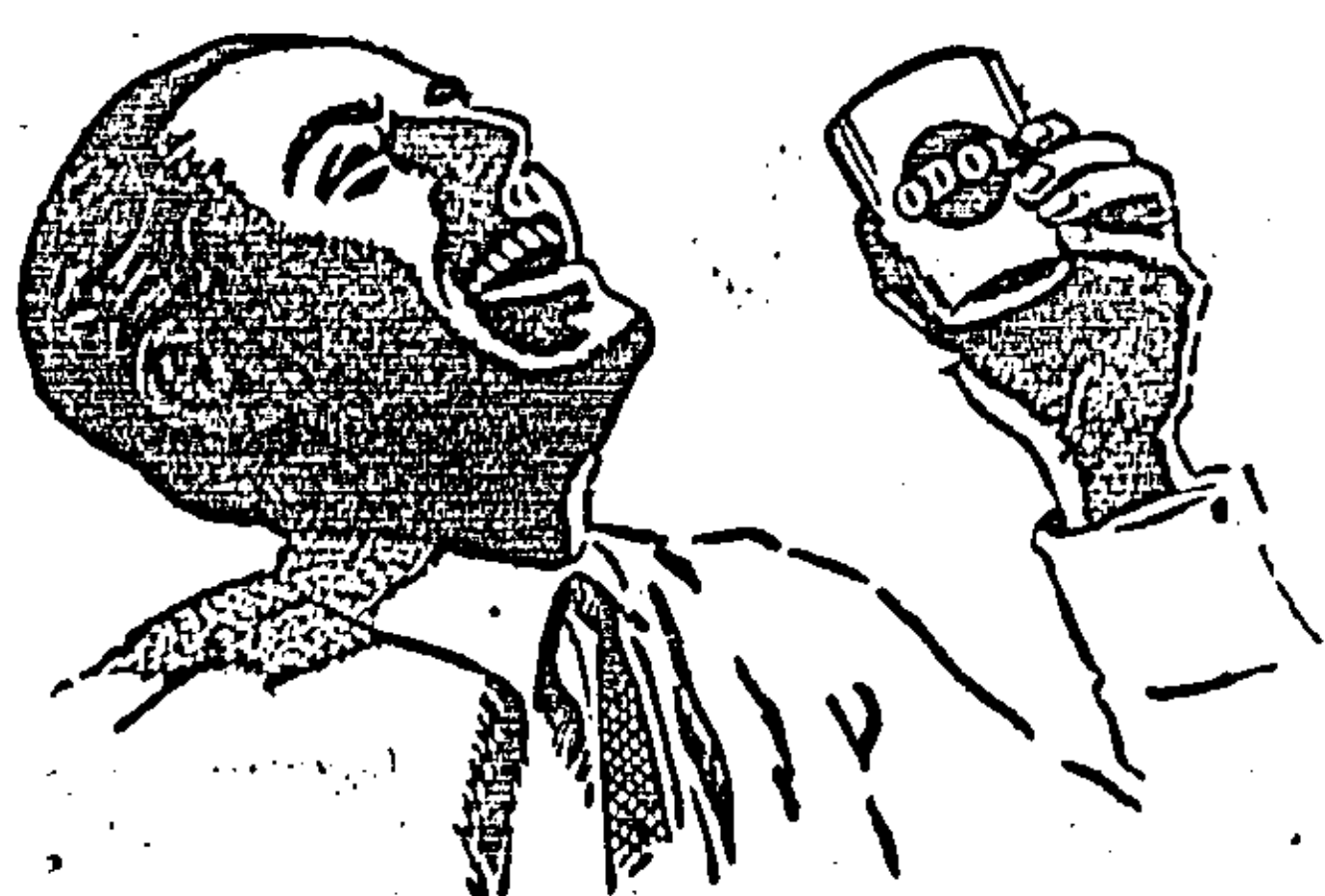
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## BIRTH

HILLS.—At Kowloon Hospital, on  
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daughter.

## DEATH

XAVIER.—At his residence No. 1,  
Liberty Avenue, Kowloon, on  
February 13, 1938, Daniel Paulo  
Xavier, aged 32. Funeral will  
pass the Monument at 5.30 p.m.  
on Monday, February 14,  
(Canton, Macao and Shanghai  
papers please copy).

## WEDDING

The forthcoming wedding is an-  
nounced of A. R. H. Esmail,  
eldest son of the late Mr. and  
Mrs. H. M. H. Esmail, of the  
H.K. Sharebrokers' Association  
and Proprietor of H. M. H.  
Esmail and Sons of China  
Building, to Miss Cherito  
Guevarra, daughter of Mr. and  
Mrs. Jose Guevarra, of Manila.The  
Hongkong Telegraph.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1938.

WHO'LL GAMBLE  
ON PEACE?

Six months or a year ago, perhaps more than that, people in "high places" were predicting a naval race in 1938. Very few listened to the warning. But in the past several weeks, with rumours scorching around the world almost daily, flowering darkly in the press of every continent, the mass of the people has become alarmed. Slowly but surely the nations have allowed the situation to develop, or it has developed in spite of them, to a point where naval as well as military armaments are being piled ton by ton in preparation for—what? Sober people to-day are asking themselves that question. And why, if, as they declare, the nations do not want war, do they not do something to prevent this mounting rivalry, and all the antagonism and fear it breeds? There have been months in which to plan and act diplomatically in order that the situation might be eased. Every pacifying effort, up to now, has been abortive. Whether any power has seriously endeavoured to find a way out of the senseless muddle, apart from extricating itself from any association with responsibility, historians may be able to disclose.

Looking at it broadly it would appear that blame for the impasse is fairly equally distributed. Of course there have been treaties broken; and that is indefensible, though the treaty-breakers argue, perhaps logically, that they were not at fault; that circumstances gave them no alternative but to disregard the pacts their statesmen had signed in years past—pacts which were shameful and unjust and which prevented their natural expansion. That is a matter which it would be pointless to discuss at this juncture. It matters not one jot who is to blame for the present epidemic of fear that is abroad. What does matter is that so few are making any faithful attempt to combat it.

The recent exchange of notes between the United States, Great Britain and France on the one

hand, and Japan on the other, is a typical instance of this incompetence in diplomacy. Or is it something more sinister? Are there powers or leaders in the world to-day bent upon deliberate misunderstanding? Whatever the case may be—and this is no accusation—the whole crisis over naval building so far as these four great nations are concerned, seems to have arisen out of an article published in an Italian newspaper to the effect that Japan was probably building battleships above anything planned by powers signatory to the new London Treaty. The three western nations, rightly or wrongly, demanded that Japan reveal her intentions. They succeeded, deliberately or not, in giving Tokyo an excuse for indignant refusal to reveal a single thing. It is not suggested that Japan is not taking an unreasonable attitude, in view of the gravity of the situation which may result; but it is an undeniable fact that, knowing the people with whom they had to deal, the Governments of Great Britain, the United States and France had been well advised to have approached Tokyo with all the formality and friendliness of which they are capable, leaving no possible chance for offence and for the rejoinder that their request for information sounded like a threat to these sensitive people.

It is not suggested, either, that western nations should go crawling to Tokyo for information on naval construction. But since all parties protest that they want some form of control, even disarmament, it might pay to spend a few hours and a few million pounds in talks upon ways and means of restricting building, and preventing competition that will lead either to bankruptcy, revolution or war—or all of them. When it is considered what immense sums the world is investing for security, would it not be sound sense to gamble a little on peace, and try not to think of every other nation in terms of man-power, guns—and—naval—tonnage? Reason would have it so.

I Have Just  
Come Back From  
SHANGHAI

IN Shanghai, cockpit of the East, where I arrived just after the first evacuation of white women to Hongkong and Manila, there now reigns a strange stillness and stagnation.

In May the great city was the scene of booming business. Ships piled their way up and down the Whangpoo, bringing manufactured goods from all over the world for the 400,000,000 Chinese, and leaving with tea and cotton and other products.

In luxurious offices wealthy brokers and merchants reaped the benefit. Their wives drove about in limousines, for you do not walk in Shanghai. Night clubs, and places of entertainment were crowded with gay throngs.

Then the first shots were heard. Foreign vessels no longer took away tea, but under armed escort began removing the white women.

Soon there were none left but Russian cabaret girls and others who could ill afford to leave.

As the white women were taken away Chinese coolie families poured in from outside. Efforts were made to find them accommodation and food. Nothing could stop them from entering.

## Frightened

THEY arrived on foot, by cart, and by boat in their thousands till nearly a million roamed the streets hunting for a window-sill or overhanging eave under which they might spend the night.

None of them knew what was happening or why they had come. They knew that they were frightened, and that was all.

All this time foreign business men tried to carry on. The small man was affected first.

The cessation of communications and the standstill of trade wrought havoc. Some seized their few remaining dollars and left to seek fortune elsewhere. Some struggled on only to throw themselves into the rushing river.

If the fighting has moved to another quarter, this stagnation of business and the feeling of hopelessness persist.

The big business men who have been able to stand the strain of the hold-up of trade remain optimistic. They go to their offices in the morning now from force of habit.

They meet at the club at luncheon and discuss the future. They meet again in the evening and discuss the future. As they lean against club bars they trim their sails according to what they feel will be best.

When I left, the majority seemed to sympathise with Japan—but it is a case of one day China, the next Japan. A fickle, unhappy lot with enormous stakes in a foreign land which is the scene of an undeclared war.

## Wives Return

MANY wives have returned, but only for economic reasons, because the feeling of uncertainty that exists in Shanghai does not help to make life happy or easy.

It has been a strange life in Shanghai in recent months. One could go up to the Settlement boundaries and see the two opposing sides fighting each other—throwing hand-grenades and machine-gunning and sniping.

The Chinese appeared philosophical. I saw them shelled and killed, but for them the alternative of life or death seemed to mean little.

The Japanese fight with great fury, with all the spirit of Bushido [their code of bravery], and with a conviction that it is well to be killed for the Emperor.

In the midst of the gloom you come upon many amusing incidents and incongruities. It was strange to go to a Japanese party and be waited on by Chinese boys. It was stranger still to see, after the Chinese retreat from Shanghai, a Japanese platoon advancing in rickshaws drawn by Chinese coolies.

Shanghai, remember, is a trinity, for although in a sense there is only one city, there are three entities governed independently yet depending largely on one another for their welfare and prosperity.

The three municipalities which go to make up Shanghai consist of the International Settlement, the French Concession, and the Chinese City.

The International Settlement, which comprises the former British and American Concession, is ruled by a council of Americans, British, Japanese and Chinese, who are responsible for everything from public health to defence.

The defence is carried out by representatives of all the nationalities living in the settlement.

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LADY, SHALL WE DANCE—  
NEW RHYTHM,  
NEW STEPS?

Asks  
Jack Payne,  
The Famous Dance  
Band Leader

THERE is a fortune waiting for the man or woman who can think out something new in dance music. New rhythm, new steps—that is the urgent need of the modern ballroom.

For years the waltz, the foxtrot, and the quick-step have been the mainstays of dancing programmes, and will probably remain so for many years to come.

That is all to the good. These dances are firmly established in public favour, and it is idle to contemplate replacing them.

What we need is a dance that will make a vital contrast to those three. Something, if you like, that will shock us with its essential newness.

## Way to Riches

IF you can think out such a new step to it, and this is most important of all—if you can persuade the public to take it up, you will make a fortune.

Very few people realise the extent of the modern dance music industry. In this country alone something over 60,000,000 dance records are sold every year, and on each record a royalty is paid. Every time a dance number is played the composer receives a copyright fee.

Billy Hill, composer of "The Last Round-up," averaged £40,000 each in royalties on five of his songs. Mabel Wayne, who composed "Ramona," "Who Made Little Boy Blue?" and "Little Man, You've Had a Busy Day," has already received, it is said, more than £250,000 in royalties on her songs.

It sounds easy money, doesn't it? Believe me, it is not. There is no primrose path to success in this dance music business. There are no hard and fast rules to guide you.

## Made £250,000

CONSIDER, for instance, for some of the dance successes for the past year, "Caravan" and "The Merry-go-round Broke Down" succeeded because of their rhythmic value in dancing; "Home Town" and "The Greatest Mistake of My Life," because of their melodies; "Moon at Sea" and "Little Old Lady," because of their sentiment; and "They're Tough, Mighty Tough in the West," because it was a rollicking comedy number.

These numbers, which may well be described as the song hits of 1937, must have made well over £250,000 in profits to their composers and publishers—and they are still selling.

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## THE "VERY IDEA"

RUNNING OUR HEAD  
INTO A NOOSE

By Eddie "Beaverbrook" Kelly

ALL these London and American war correspondents cluttering up the place reminds us that we were once an old campaigner.

A scarred old newspaper veteran, we were, and if the linotypist doesn't set that word "scarred" with two "r's" we'll complain to the Editor.

"Stop Press" Kelly they called us. We used to press and the girls yelled "Stop."

We remember during the war being sent to interview Hitler. We found him a dual personality—Hitler and Hitler.

We got our greatest kick out of interviewing Mussolini. He kicked us down the front steps of the Colosseum.

We swore we would never Colosseum again.

We never printed our interview with the Archbishop of Canterbury, because of the nasty insinuations that followed our last visit to his cathedral. In any case, the poor-box didn't contain 3s. 6d.—it had only 1s. 1½d., two buttons and a chipped monocle.

## IT WASN'T OUR VAULT

Sir Montague Norman, the Governor of the Bank of England, was always a hard man to interview.

There was, quite a scene the last time we burst into his room.

"See here, Monty," we said, "About this half-a-crown we've deposited with you—"

He wouldn't let us finish. Had us thrown out into Threadneedle Street. Probably feared we wanted to withdraw our money.

President Roosevelt was always pestering us to interview him at the White House, but we told him he'd have to come across to London if he wanted his name in our paper.

Too many bad presidents are created by journalists pandering to these lesser fry.

## SKITE ABOUT SKY TRAVEL

We were the only reporter to go with the first aeroplane from England to Australia. It travelled in a crate on the steamer in which we were a passenger.

We have been unsuccessful so far in our efforts to interview Stalin. He keeps putting us off. We suspect he is Stalin for time.

We are sorry to say that journalism has degenerated since we left its ranks. Men like Vernon Bartlett, Karl von Wiegand, Monson and John Gunther have struggled desperately to maintain the level we created, and by dint of slaving night and day at their typewriters, sucking for hours at their fountain pens, together with the aid of a miracle, have succeeded to some extent.

But the old spirit is lacking. You can't do much good with this post-war stuff.

They will never attain the heights we attained with the Times. We well remember, on the day before we retired, selling no less than 78 copies of the Grand Old Paper of Fleet Street on our stand underneath Nelson's Monument.



## Chinese Goes Free On Technicality

Bench Does Not Believe Story Of Coercion

Pleading not guilty to a charge of robbery at Chuk Yuen, New Territories, Lee Kuan-cheung, arraigned before the Police Judge, Mr. Justice R. E. Lindell at Sessions this morning, said that his statement of confession was forced from him by the police. As a result, His Lordship decided to hear the evidence on the point in the absence of the jury.

The jury empanelled was as follows: Messrs. T. McCormick Johnson (foreman), S. T. Bishop, Chan Yui-kai, Ho Shui-que, Ho Shui-king, A. H. Madar, and P. F. dea S. Kevier.

The charges against the defendant are of robbery by two or more on January 1, 1938, together with Man Choy and others not in custody, in which Lee Ching-po at Chuk Yuen, was deprived of one hat band, one ring, one gold bangle, and \$110 in notes; (2) Aiding and abetting robbery.

Mr. M. J. Abbott, assistant Crown solicitor, prosecuted, and after the jury had left the court-room, Sergeant Wilcox was put in the witness box, and said that the defendant was brought to the Au Tau Police Station at 8.50 p.m. on January 3, having been taken in custody the day before.

A statement from defendant was taken down by him from the police interpreter, and no violence whatever was used on the prisoner while in his presence.

Evidence of arrest was then given by Constable C397, Malt Lok, who said the defendant was arrested at Chuk Yuen on January 2 at 6.45 p.m. who after was in the witness box at the time, and after cautioning prisoner he told him he was suspected of robbery.

### DENIES ASSAULT

Mr. Abbott: The defendant has alleged that while in custody before January 3 he was taken to the latrine and assaulted. There is no truth in the allegation.

Chung Lok-joy, police interpreter, was then questioned, and said that he was present when Sergeant Wilcox took a statement from the defendant. He did not use the caution as found in the statement book.

Sergeant Wilcox was then questioned again, and said that he did not see the Chinese constable again after he had left him about 10.30 that morning.

The prisoner was locked up in the outside cell, and could not be taken out except in the presence of a European officer.

The defendant when questioned said that he was taken out of the cell that afternoon by an Indian guard and taken to the Yuen Long pawnshop, where the accountant there said that he was the person who pawned the bangle.

His Lordship then said he would not take the matter any further, as the evidence given so far was far from satisfactory.

The jury was then called in. His Lordship enquiring that the statement made by the defendant was legally not admissible. The jury was then directed to return a verdict of not guilty on both counts.

His Lordship, in discharging the defendant, said that he was lucky to get off owing to the Sergeant's technical error when taking the statement, as it could not be used against him. He also did not believe that the police had used any violence against him.

### THE WEATHER

## MORE RAIN EXPECTED TO-NIGHT

The Royal Observatory's gift of fine weather for the week-end will not last.

The forecast issued at 10 o'clock this morning predicts more drizzle and light rain, with generally cloudy weather and fresh north-easterly winds.

A depression in the north has increased considerably in intensity, and is now situated over south Japan, moving north-east.

The change in weather conditions recorded yesterday brought about a considerable increase in temperature, the maximum of 69 degrees being the highest recorded since January 27.

Over an inch of rain was recorded on Saturday, bringing the total since the beginning of the year to 4.43 inches, against an average of 2 inches.

## SHOWED OBSCENE PICTURES TO SMALL BOYS

A fine of \$150 with the alternative of two months' hard labour was inflicted on Lam Ping, 26, unemployed, by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning for exposing obscene pictures.

Sergeant Sullivan said that when patrolling along Hollywood Road, near Po Yan Street, he came across defendant who was keeping a peep-show. On investigation it was found that indecent pictures were shown. At the time of his arrest, small boys were defendant's patrons.

## HOSTILITY SHOWN TO CHANCELLOR

Ugly Turn To Vienna Events

Vienna, Feb. 13.

Dr. Kurt von Schuschnigg, Austrian Chancellor, arrived here from Germany amid angry demonstrations by outlandish Heimwehr guards. He immediately consulted Herr Wilhelm Miklas, President of the Austrian Republic, and afterwards summoned leading members of the Cabinet, presumably to give them a confidential report concerning his discussion with Herr Adolf Hitler.

It is understood that the report will reaffirm the Austro-German friendship pact, and will state that in next Sunday's speech to the Reichstag, Herr Hitler will reaffirm Germany's support of Austria's sovereignty, provided Dr. Schuschnigg curbs the growing monarchist movement. It is expected that Dr. Schuschnigg will be evasive regarding Austria joining the anti-Communist pact due to the fear of alienation of Britain and France. It is also believed that Dr. Schuschnigg will permit Austrian Nazis a greater voice in affairs, and will possibly ultimately include in the Cabinet the more conservative element of the Nazis. Finally, in the report, Dr. Schuschnigg is likely to suggest increased German exports in order to liquidate Austria's frozen assets in Germany.—United Press.

## POLICE RESERVE ORDERS

Orders by the Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Commissioner of Police, issued to-day were:

### CHINESE COMPANY

Anti Gas Lectures.—The undermentioned members will attend daily at Chinese Company Headquarters at 17.30 hours on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, February 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th, 1938, for Anti Gas Course Lectures under L.S.R. 29 Chan Chung Tung:

Constables R04 Yam Pong Yuc, R05 Lo Yuk Ling, R08 Tang Man Tsai, R10 Wong Yut Ping, R71 Wong Lap Fung, R72 Fong Hing, R78 Cheung Wye Sum, R79 Lo Tak Hol, R80 Chan Ying Pun, R83 Leung Teh Min, R85 Wong Pi Yin, and R88 Lau Mang Siu.

Patrol Duty.—Nightly between 18.00 hours and midnight by members as detailed by the Officer in Charge of Company.

### INDIAN COMPANY

Training Course.—Part II.—The undermentioned members of the Indian Company will attend Indian Company Headquarters at 17.30 hours for Part II of Training Course on Tuesday, February 15th, 1938 under L.S.R. 214 Channan Singh:

Constables R246 M. Y. Khan, R219 Nur Ahmed, R207 Karam Khan, R211 S. Aras, R215 Feroz Khan, R223 Firdos Khan, R220 M. R. Malik, R230 Mohiuddin Akhtar, R270—130 Wali Khan, and R221 Hakim Ali.

Anti Gas Course.—The undermentioned members will report daily at Indian Company Headquarters at 18.00 hours on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, February 16th, 17th and 18th, 1938, for Anti Gas Course Lectures under L.S.R. 214 Channan Singh:

S.I. (R) Badan Singh, S.I. (R) Hardil Singh, P.S.R. 239 K. B. Sheikh, L.S.R. 269 Imam Din, L.S.R. 241 Sultan Khan, P.C.R. 220 K. Singh, P.C.R. 236 M. S. Dillon, and R253 Mohamed Akhan.

Patrol Duty.—Nightly between 18.00 hours and midnight by members as detailed by the Officer in Charge of Company.

### FLYING SQUAD

Training Course.—Part I.—The undermentioned members of the Flying Squad will attend No. 2 Police Station on Thursday, February 17th at 17.30 hours under P.S.R. 274 Mehdi Khan, for Part I of Training Course:

Constables R302 G. A. Woodier, R303 D. Young, R313 D. M. Xavier, R323 Lo Koon Ho, R327 Sung Shu Chee, R332 Ng Hung Kwai, R334 Lau Tak Yu, R341 Tsun Kam Cheung, R342 Leung To Ho, R346 Lam Yee Cheuk and R359 Ho Wing Kwun.

EMERGENCY UNIT RESERVE Revolver Practice.—A revolver practice will be held at the Bowen Road Revolver Range under P.S.A. 210 Perkins on Wednesday, February 16th at 17.30 hours. All members will attend. The E. U. R. Van will leave Queen's Pier at 17.20 hours sharp.

Patrol Duties.—All members of the E.U.R. will report for duty at their stations at 19.45 hours on Friday, February 18th, 1938. Dress—Blue Uniform, Cap with no cover, Blue Puttees, Belt, webbing, Braces, Truncheons, and Revolvers to be carried.

C. CHAMPKIN, D. S. P. (R).

## UNREGISTERED MUI-TSAIS GET WOMAN \$50 FINE

Going on remand before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy to-day, a married woman, Wong Wing, 37, was fined \$50 for keeping two unregistered mui-tsaits at her home in Morrison Hill Road.

The case came to the notice of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs when a complaint was received that one of the girls had been ill-treated. The defendant and the girls were released, and had been in Hongkong since August last.

## JAPANESE ATTITUDE ILLOGICAL

"Times" Criticises Reply To Britain

London, Feb. 14.

The tenor of the Japanese reply to Britain's query concerning her naval building programme is not unexpected, says the Times. The Japanese attitude is quite consistent, but it cannot be regarded as logical.

Its illogicality is further illustrated by the documents published on Saturday. It is declared that any British exercise of the right of escalation is not a matter which should concern Japan, yet the statement of naval policy declares that if the leading powers exercise this right Japan will be left no alternative but to alter her building plans.

Mr. Yamamoto in one breath expresses Japan's need for secrecy and special armament, and in the next castigates the unfairness of powers who, as a result of her secrecy, conclude that special armament is being provided.—Reuter.

## Rescue Ship In Sight Of Polar Party

Messages Exchanged With Flash Lamps

Moscow, Feb. 13.

Using high explosive to blast her way through thick ice, the ice-breaker Taimyr has established close contact with the Russian scientists who are drifting helplessly.

The rescuers exchanged flashlight messages with the isolated party.

The condition of the party will not yet permit the use of aeroplanes to take the scientists off their precarious floe, but the Taimyr is making for a floe which is believed to be located two miles away and which, it is hoped, will be suitable for landing a light aeroplane.—Reuter Special.

PREPARING AEROPLANES FOR RESCUE

Moscow, Feb. 14.

The ice-breaker Taimyr yesterday unloaded aeroplanes on the ice, and they are being assembled in readiness to attempt a rescue of the Russian scientists. The Taimyr was 25 miles from the stranded men at midnight last night.—Reuter.

## British Troops In East Are "Hostages"

London, Jan. 27. Although suggestions of the possible outbreak of hostilities between British and Japan are strongly deprecated by well-informed authorities in London, speculation as to the fate of the British garrisons in Hongkong and Shanghai in the event of so terrible a conflict is commonplace.

The consensus of expert opinion seems to be that while Hongkong could, even in the present state of its fortifications, hold out against a besieging force for a lengthy period, British troops in Shanghai can only be regarded as "hostages to fortune," and they would necessarily be quickly overwhelmed if war unexpectedly occurred.

Commenting on the matter in its current issue, Truth suggests that "if the Land of the Rising Sun should carry out its present sub-stroke methods to the extent of open hostilities against Great Britain, our troops in China might find themselves in various very tight corners."

"That such a possible contingency must be very fully realised by the 'competent authority' only an idiot would question," continues Truth, which adds:

"The British normally in garrison at Hongkong, covered by the Navy and the coastal defences, would probably be able to give a very good account of themselves until help arrived, in spite of the certainty of heavy air attacks. But what would happen at Shanghai is a different theme for speculation. The International Forces in the Settlement would inevitably be involved in any attack on the British positions and sea power would soon be taking a violent hand in the Tientsin area, concludes Truth, that the position seems to be obscure and precarious.

The number of British troops distributed in this region is small. With Japanese warships off Taku their communications would be cut; in the other direction lies Peking, full of Japanese troops. The obvious answer would be British warships, but there are not nearly enough of them in the Far East; Hongkong and Shanghai would be claiming the attention of all the naval strength on the China Station.

Things move so fast these days, especially with "Imperial Forces" which apparently do as they like; that one can only hope the responsible authorities are acting and planning on the assumption that "anything may happen" involving our troops in China. Merely to realise possibilities is not enough.

## DEMOCRATS NOT MUCH MOVED BY COALITION PLAN

Coldly Silent After Republican Gives Them Invitation

Washington, Feb. 13.

Anti-administration Democrats received in cold silence the proposals made by Senator Arthur Hendrick Vandenberg and other leading Republicans in "Lincoln Day" speeches that they should unite forces at the polls to scrap the "New Deal."

A consistent critic of the Administration, Senator Bailey flatly refused to comment on Senator Vandenberg's Boston speech proposing coalition, while Governor Alben W. Barkley, in a New York speech, warned that a third party would emerge owing to the failure of the Republicans to purge their leadership of ultra-conservatives.

Senator Clark, who opposes some of the New Deal measures, and Senator O'Mahoney, who opposed President Roosevelt's Court Bill, were likewise silent. Others refused to be quoted, but some expressed the opinion that it was too early to forecast the 1940 political alignment. They saw no likelihood of the 1939 congressional elections bringing any coalition unless the future legislation is even more obnoxious than the New Deal measures enacted.

Democratic conservatives recalled Senator Bailey's and Senator Vandenberg's ill-fated manifesto "Address To The People," which failed to produce a congressional anti-New Deal coalition, indicating the reluctance of anti-New Deal Democrats actually to join the Republicans. Senator Vandenberg in his speech recalled that the Lincoln coalitionist, Mr. John D. M. Hamilton, had said that the Republican Party was more Jeffersonian than those who paid lip service to his name.—United Press.

### CHINESE COINS

## Three Men Fined For Stealing By Finding

The disappearance of 1,000 Chinese silver dollars, stated to be part of an enormous consignment from China, was mentioned at Thames Police Court, London recently.

Three men described as William Healey Kinchen (44), builder's labourer, James Place, Stepney; William Foster (44), builder's labourer, Heachcroft Buildings, Brook Street, Stepney; and Mark van Praag (39), builder's labourer, Eric Street, Stepney, were charged on remand with being concerned together in stealing from the Royal Mint Street Refinery, Stepney, 1,000 Chinese silver coins, valued at £120, the property of Messrs N. M. Rothschild & Sons.

Kinchen and Foster were each further charged with receiving one of the coins and van Praag with receiving three of the coins. The Magistrate, Mr. John Harris, consented to the charges being reduced to stealing by finding, and the three men pleaded guilty to this.

Kinchen and Foster were each fined £5, or one month's imprisonment, and van Praag was fined £10, or two months.

Mr. Healey, prosecuting, said that the three men employed by a firm of contractors engaged in rebuilding operations at Messrs. Rothschild's refinery. The dollars, which were worth 1s. 3/4d. each, were going to be melted down and refined.

In transit from the ships to the refinery, some of the boxes were damaged and coins slipped out in the refinery, and it was from these that the accused helped themselves.

Although 1,000 of the coins were missing, it was right to point out that only five had been traced to the accused, but van Praag told the police that he had another 35, which he sold to a man for 6d. each. Only five coins had been recovered.

## Indians Fete Political Leader

Haripur, Feb. 13. Subhashchandra Bose, President-elect of the Indian National Congress, was welcomed by 100,000 men and women, mostly peasants, when he arrived here for the annual session of Congress, which is being held next week-end.

The Indian political leader made his entry into the town along a five-mile route, seated in an 80-year old chariot, drawn by 51 caparisoned bullocks.

A bamboo city to accommodate 300,000 people has been erected near Haripur for the Congress.—Reuter Service.

## DRIVERS COLLIDE WITH STANDARDS

According to police reports two traffic accidents of a very similar nature and involving Europeans, occurred in Nathan Road, Kowloon, yesterday.

Mr. A. Urquhart of Dorset Crescent collided with a traffic standard in Nathan Road near Austin Road and his car was slightly damaged.

Mr. A. Cook of the Royal Naval Dockyard, also collided with a traffic standard while driving. The mishap happened when Mr. Cook, an Indian Road near the Alhambra Theatre.

## RADIO BROADCAST

Relay of Opening of The Singapore Naval Base SCHUMANN CONCERTS

Radio Programme Broadcast by ZBW on Frequencies of 845 k.c.s., 0.02 m.c.s. per second.

8.05—11.0 Chinese Programme. 5.0 Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.

(a) Please pardon us, we're in Love; (b) The Loveliness of you; (c) You can't have everything; (d) Love is never out of season.

5.15 Interval of recorded dance music from ZBW.

5.20 (a) I'd like to see Samon of Samon; (b) With Mary Tattooed on his arm; (c) Lady be good; (d) Good-bye Jonny.

5.35 Interval of recorded dance music from ZBW.

5.40 (a) You're laughing at me; (b) One, Two, Button your shoe; (c) The skeleton in the cupboard; (d) There's a lull in my life.

5.55 Interval of recorded dance music from ZBW.

6.0 (a) Merry Widow; (b) Moonlight Waltz; (c) Music in May.

6.15 For the Children. Uncle Peter's Children's Party.... Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone); Three Times Round Went The Gallant Gallant Ship (Traditional); A Ring, A Ring O' Roses (traditional); Chalmers Wood's Orchestra; Speak Roughly To Your Little Boy; Will You Walk A Little Faster; You Are Old, Father William (Voice in Wonderland); George Baker (Baritone) accomp. by Gerald Moore (Piano).

6.30 A Relay of speeches and short commentary on the opening of the Singapore naval base.

7.0 Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone). Sons Of The Sea (Coleridge-Taylor); So It Goes On (from 'Swing Is In The Air'—Gay); Red, White and Blue (Swing Is In The Air—Gay).

7.10 Closing local Stock Quotations.

7.15 London Relay—Music Hall with The BBC Varieties Orchestra conducted by Charles Shawlow. 8.05 Time, Weather and Announcements.

8.05 Chinese Programme—Relay from the Po Hing Theatre. 11.0 Close down.

Radio Programme Broadcast by ZEK on a Frequency of 640 Kilocycles.

8.05 Schumann—Concerto in A Minor, Op.54. Played by Alfred Cortot (Piano) and The London Philharmonic Orch. conducted by Sir Landon Ronald.

8.37 Organ Music. Choral Prelude ('In These is Joy'—Bach); M. J. Duple at the Organ of Alexandra Palace; March: Toccata From Symphony No. 5 (Widor).

Charles-Marie Widor at the Organ of Saint-Sulpice, Paris; Toccata (from 'Esquisses Byzantines'—Mulet); Larghetto (S.S. Wesley).... G. D. Cunninghamham.

9.0 London Relay—Empire Exchange. Points of view by travellers from the Dominions and Colonies.

9.15 The Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards. Pomp And Circumstance March No. 1 (Sir Edward Elgar); March: Lancers (Greece); March: Of The Mountain Gnomes (R. Ellenberg); The Mill In The Black Forest (R. Ellenberg).

9.30 London Relay—The News. 9.50 Grace Fields (Vocal) and Billy Mayerl (Piano).

A Feather In Her Tyrolean Hat (Annette Mills); Did Your Mother Come From Ireland? (Kennedy-Carr).

Grace Fields; Limehouse Blues (Braham—trans. Mayerl); Orange Blossom (Mayerl).... Billy Mayerl; What Archibald Says, Goes (Castling); Falling In Love Again (Cliff The Blue Angel).... Grace Fields; Hilarious Selection (Offenbach—arr. Kornigold); Have You Forgotten? (Success).... Billy Mayerl.

10.15 Variety. Orchestral—'Revuedeville' Memories (Windmill Theatre Selections—R. Burrow).... London Theatre Orchestra; Goodnight Keep Your Seats Please (from the film); When I'm Cleaning Windows (film 'Keep Your Seats Please').... George Formby with his Ukulele.

10.30 Latest Danco Records. Fox-Trots—You Can't Stop Me From Dreaming; You've Gotta Take Your Pick And Swing (film 'Let's Make a Night of It').... George Elrick & His Swing Music Makers; Tangos—La Punalada; So Lo Lleva-ron.... Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro; Fox-Trot—Africo To Dream (film 'You can't have everything').... Wait—Symphony (film 'Firefly').... Roy Fox & His Orchestra; Rumbas—When Bomba Plays A Rumba; When A Cuban Says 'I Love You'.... Hurry Roy & His Orch.; Fox-Trots—The Trouble With Me Is You (film 'With Love and Kisses'); Good-night To You All.... George Elrick & His Swing Music Makers.

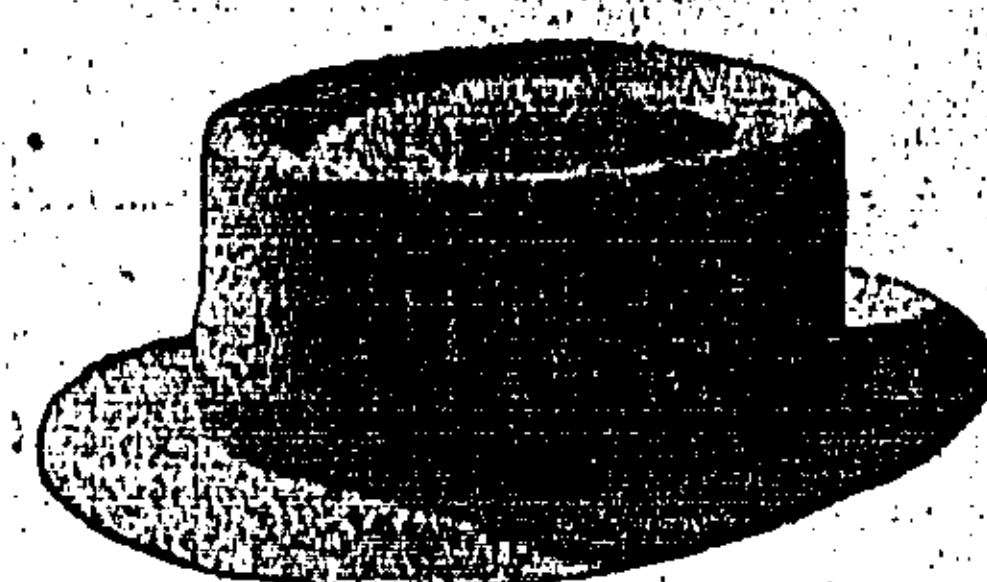
1.10 Close down.

## RADIO AUDIENCE GROWS STEADILY

Six hundred and thirty new listeners joined the ranks of radio enthusiasts in Hongkong last month, according to statistics issued this morning by the Hongkong Broadcasting Committee.

This was the number of new licences issued by the Postal Department. In addition, 3,287 listeners renewed their licences, bringing the total number of licences issued during January to 3,917.

ZBW's actual hours of transmission during January, totalling 224, of which 103½ were devoted to European programmes and 120½ to Chinese programmes. Relays from Daventry occupied 83 hours.



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LX471—(Weber)	Szigeti Violin.
LX630—Sonata in D. (Schubert)	Adagio in E.
LX463—Quartet No. 10. (Beethoven)	Lener String Quartet.
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## COMPLAINANT NOT PRESSING CASE

"I liked the jewellery, so I took them to play with," was the statement made by Pun Fong, 18, amah, in answer to the charge of larceny by servant of one gold and pearl bracelet, one gold hair pin, and three small strings of pearls, from her employer, Leung Kong-mun, Old Bailey Street, before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Detective-Sergeant Macvey said that the complainant made a report to the police regarding the loss, a detective was sent to the address, and when questioned defendant admitted the theft.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$10, or in default a month's imprisonment, saying in view of complainant not pressing the case, he had given her the option of a fine, as theft from an employer is a serious offence.

## Are You Susceptible To Colds?

Now is the season for colds and some people are more subject to them than others under identical conditions. This is due in a large measure to the person's vital power, the ability of the system to resist attacks. The treatment of colds therefore should be directed to preventing them, which is best done by invigorating the system and building up the general health.

The diet should be generous but not stimulating and articles of easy digestion should be chosen. Eight hours, at least, of sleep, preferably in the early part of the night, are essential. For medicine Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are especially adapted because they build up the blood, strengthen the nerves and tone up the organs of digestion. You can get them at your chemist.



# ROYAL SCOTS DEFEATED BY SOUTH CHINA A. A.

## 4-1 VICTORY FLATTERS THE CHINESE SOLDIERS PROMISE TO BE FINE SOCCER TEAM

(By "Abe")

Against almost the full might of South China A.A., the Royal Scots were given their first real football test since their arrival in the Colony at Caroline Hill yesterday afternoon. They found the Chinese a little too much for them, though the 4-1 victory of the Chinese was, on the day's play, a trifle flattering.

The South China team also had the advantage of changing one of the players—the game was in the nature of a trial to pick a team against the Islington Corinthians. In the second half, Lim Tak-po taking over from Lau Hing-choi at centre-half. This played no small part in the superiority of the Chinese during this period.

Both teams started off very well indeed, and there were indications then that a really first-class game might be seen. Expectations were not completely realised; but the Royal Scots revealed that they have quite a well-balanced side and that when they have settled down to local conditions, they should have no difficulty in holding their own in the competitions in the Colony.

In the opening half, the Scots' forwards combined together so effectively that their attacks on the Chinese goal were equally as dangerous as those of the Chinese on theirs. However, it was the Chinese who got away first, and but for a miraculous save by Duncan, the Scots might have been two goals down in the first five minutes of the game.

After the rain of the previous few days, the ground was in a sudden condition, and offered only precarious footholds to the players. Everyone had difficulty in keeping on his feet.

### DUNCAN HANDICAPPED

Under such conditions, Duncan, who I was told had not a single stud in his boots, was particularly handicapped. The first two goals scored by the Chinese could be traced directly to this; on both occasions he slipped just as the ball was headed in.

Nevertheless, on the whole, Duncan gave a fine display. I am sure the Hongkong selectors who picked him to keep goal for the Colony against the Islington Corinthians must have felt better after seeing him push out shot after shot yesterday.

There were few weaknesses in the Scots team. Proctor, who should soon vie with Bright of the Middlesex as the best military pivot in the Colony, Alsey, Hossack and Fleming were a fine inside trio of forwards, Hossack proving a particularly dashing leader. The two backs, Marshall and W. Fraser, were steady without being brilliant.

Both wings, however, lacked push in yesterday's match, and were unable to get going. Allen was completely subjugated by Mak Sui-hon, but Potts was often able to evade the attentions of Lee Kwok-wai in the first half, though in the second he was too well attended by Leung Wing-chiu to be really dangerous.

**MAK SUI-HON IMPRESSES**  
If anything was needed to convince me that the selectors made a mistake in not choosing Mak Sui-hon to partner Li Tin-sang at back for the Colony against the Corinthians, it was Mak's display yesterday. Throughout the whole game he hardly put out a wrong foot, and no greater compliment could be paid him than to say that he was even more reliable than Li Tin-sang.

Undecided whether to play Lau Hing-choi or Lim Tak-po at centre-half, the Chinese selectors tried out both men in the position yesterday. When Lau was in the centre in the first half, he had Leung Wing-chiu on his right and Lee Kwok-wai on his left, and when Lim was in that position, he had Lau on his right and Leung on his left.

In my opinion, the Lau-Lim-Leung line was definitely the superior one.

Tang Kwong-tum played well enough yesterday to dispute the claims of Yeung Shui-yick at outside-right, but he often wasted his chance by getting offside. Fung King-cheung, Fung King-chiu, and Leung Wing-chiu, have all played at centre at one time or another. Leung is the most versatile as he can take any of the three positions. Fung King-cheung will play at inside right and has been chosen to captain the team. Congratulations, Fung!

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## CHINESE ELEVEN CHOSEN

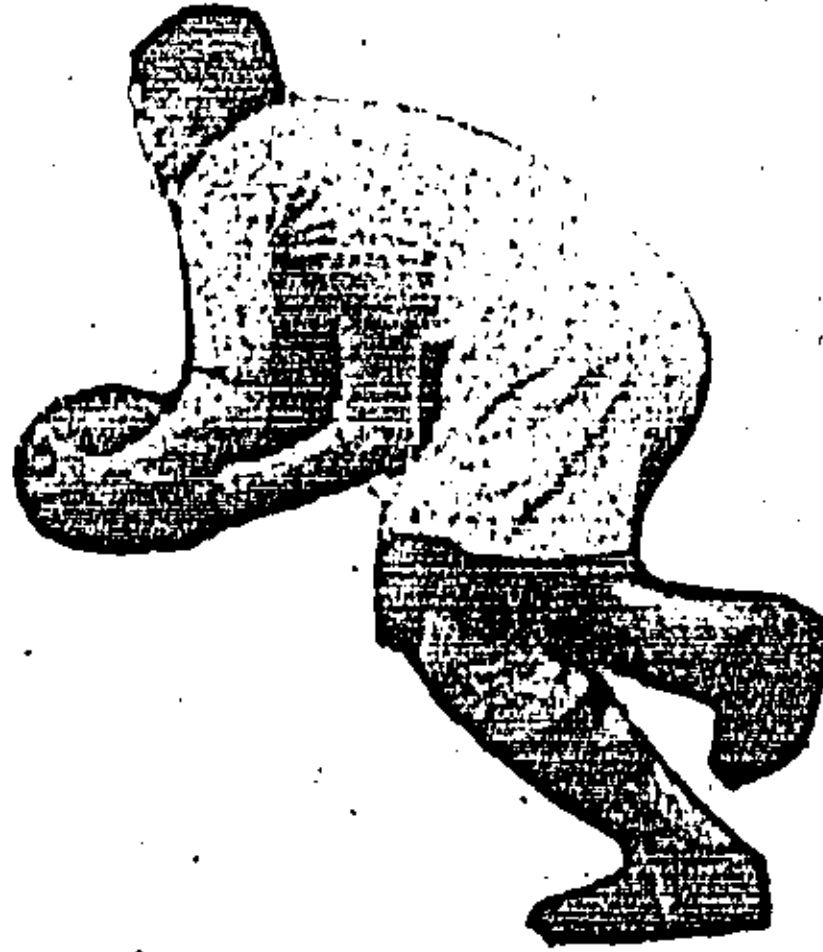
### Lim Tak-po At Centre-Half

(By "Abe")

The selected team of South China A.A. to play the Islington Corinthians on Saturday contains no surprises at all. On present form, every one of the eleven players deserves his place.

Until yesterday afternoon, ten of the eleven positions had already been filled. The only doubtful one was at centre-half, where the candidates were Lau Hing-choi, who has been selected for this position for the Colony match, and Lim Tak-po, the South China "B", who has been distinguishing himself this season.

Most followers of the game will agree that Lau is a better pivot than Lim, but fortunately for the latter, Lau is equally as good at right half.



Tam Kwan-kon Chosen to keep goal.

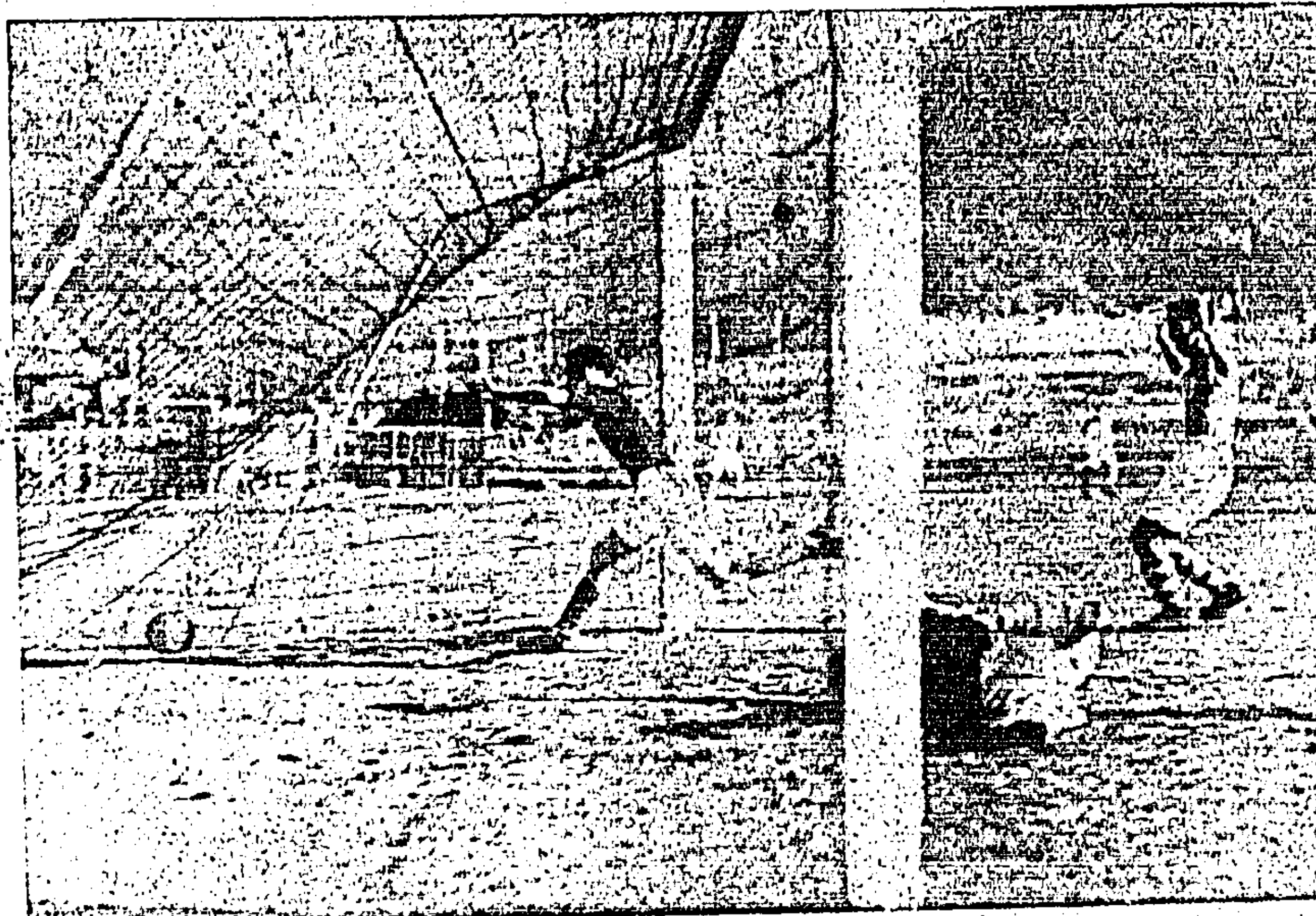
The result is that Lau has been chosen for the right-half berth and Lim will take the field against the Corinthians in the middle. It is rather peculiar that the three half-backs in the Chinese team, Lau Hing-choi, Lim Tak-po and Leung Wing-chiu, have all played at centre at one time or another. Leung is the most versatile as he can take any of the three positions. Fung King-cheung will play at inside right and has been chosen to captain the team. Congratulations, Fung!

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## International Rugger Decided In Mud



South China's second goal in their match against the Royal Scots at Caroline Hill yesterday. Though Fung King-cheung's hands are upraised, he was not the scorer. The goal was headed in by Chan Tak-fai, who is not in this picture. Duncan, the Scots' custodian, is on the ground, having slipped in an effort to clear. (Photo: Moe Cheung).

## BRITISH SPORT IN 1937 NOT SATISFACTORY DAVIS, WIGHTMAN & RYDER CUPS LOST

By H. L. Percy  
United Press Staff Correspondent

London, Jan. 15.

From the international point of view Britain had a far from satisfactory sports year in 1937. Take the two sports most generally popular—golf and tennis. In golf, Britain managed to break just about even. But tennis was an almost complete failure.

Henry Cotton won the British open golf championship at Carnoustie in test weather and a few days later he beat Donald Budge, American match play champion, to establish himself as the world's best golfer.

But Britain lost the Ryder Cup match at Southport, to the United States by 8 points to 4, the first "away" win in the history of the contest. And the British open amateur championship was an Anglo-American affair, the winner being Robert Sweeney, originally from New York, but now residing here.

**MIS ANDERSON OPEN TITLIST**  
The women's open championship was won by Miss Jessie Anderson, in an all-Scottish final. No Americans were entered for this competition, the only British title which has never crossed the Atlantic.

In tennis, Britain got one and a half titles out of five, compared with four in 1936, and lost the Davis and Wightman cups as well.

Miss Dorothy Round, now Mrs. Douglas Little, won the women's singles at Wimbledon, beating Miss Jadwiga Jędrzejowska of Poland, 6-2, 2-6, 7-5. And Miss Simone Mathieu, of France, and Miss Billy Yorke, of Britain, won the women's doubles.

High-spot of the Wimbledon fortnight, however, was the record triple win of Donald Budge, who captured the men's singles and shared in the men's doubles with Gene Mako, and the mixed doubles with Alice Marble.

The loss of the Davis Cup by Britain after four years was practically a foregone conclusion. Fred Perry had turned professional, and there was no one to take his place.

The Wightman cup match between British and United States women was even more easy, American scoring its seventh successive victory by 6-1.

**BOXING MORE PROMISING**  
Only two other sports can be said to have entered the international field in 1937. These were yachting and boxing.

In the race for the America's Cup, the American yacht, Ranger, completely outclassed the British Endeavour II, by 4 races to 0.

Boxing presented rather a brighter outlook. Tommy Farr, of Wales, British and Empire heavyweight champion, proved himself one of the contenders for the world title. Joe Louis, the Brown Bomber, beat him, and beat him easily, on points over 15 rounds, in New York, with Louis' title at stake, but the Welshman gave a plucky display on the loser's end.

One world title came Britain's way.

## Duke Leaves Billiards Quarrel Willie Smith And Referee

The Duke of Roxburghe and other spectators walked out of Thurston's, Leicester-square, W.C., during a dispute between Willie Smith and the referee over a ruling in Smith's snooker match with Tom Newman.

When Smith's ball stopped eighteen inches short of a group of reds for which he had been snookered, the referee, Charles Chambers, said: "That was an intentional miss."

Smith protested. "You are making out that I am not a sportsman—I have a good mind to finish with the game now."

Next time he went to the table he said to the spectators: "I am not a bad sportsman, and I do try."

People near him shouted back: "Get on with it," and "Forget it, forget it."

Then the Duke and others walked out.

Later Chambers demanded an apology.

After the third frame of the evening session Smith walked over to Chambers and they shook hands.

As Smith turned away he said to the spectators: "That handshake simply means that I have apologised for losing my temper this afternoon."

Smith bowed, Chambers smiled, Tom Newman grinned broadly—and everybody cheered.

### Tennis Entries Extended

The closing date for entries for the Colony Lawn Tennis Championships, at the Hongkong Cricket Club under the auspices of the Club, has been extended to Saturday, February 19, at 6 p.m.

## CRICKET TOURISTS RECOVER

### Interesting Position Now Reached

Dombay, Feb. 13.  
The cricket match between India and Lord Tennyson's XI has reached a very interesting position at the end of the second day's play to-day.

On Saturday, the tourists had been dismissed for 130 (Amar Singh 5 for 47) and India had scored 73 for five wickets.

When the match was resumed to-day, the Indians were all out for 131, Pope taking five for 49 and Wellard four for 59. At close of play, the Englishmen had scored 209 for seven wickets.

Top-scorers were Edrich 56 and Worthington 68.—Reuter.

way at the expense of the United States, namely the flyweight championship. Both Benny Lynch, of Scotland, and the Filipino Small Montano, of San Francisco, claimed the title.

They fought it out at Wembley Stadium, London, on Jan. 19, Lynch just getting the points decision.

In the realm of speed, Britain took the water record from the United States, and increased its own land record. Sir Malcolm Campbell covered 129.5 M.P.H. on Lake Maggiore, Italy, and Capt. G. E. T. Eyston, set a new land speed record on the Bonneville salt flats, beating Campbell's record of just over 300 M.P.H.

Sydney Wooderson, in a special paced mile, put up a new world record of 4.06.8.—United Press.

## SWIMMING RECORD BROKEN

### Dutch Lady's Performance

Amsterdam, Feb. 13.  
Eit van Feggelen, the Dutch lady swimmer, broke the world's record for the 400 metres backstroke to-day when she negotiated the distance in 5 mins. 41.4 secs.

The record was formerly held by Ragnhild Hveger, of Denmark, with a time of 5 mins. 44.5 secs.—Reuter.

## IRISH RUGGERITES SELECTED

London, Feb. 13.

The following have been selected to represent Ireland in the International Rugby match against Scotland at Edinburgh on February 20:

Craig (Queen's University); O'Connor (Blackrock); Bailey; McMahon; Moran; Crome; Morgan; Alexander; Irwin; Graves; Kennedy (Bradford); O'Loughlin, Ryan, Tierney (University College, Cork) and Walker.—Reuter.

## HARD-FOUGHT GAMES MARKED BY DOGGED FORWARD PLAY VICTORY FOR ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND

(By "Ginger")

The Club ground at Happy Valley on Saturday was churned rapidly into a morass by the most strenuous rugby seen in the International Rugby series for some seasons. The appalling conditions prevented the sparkling open play which has lately been a feature of local rugby, and consequently the forwards on all sides were called to give of their best. They did! Both games were hard-fought, victory remaining uncertain until the final whistle.

The results were:  
England 8 Wales 6  
Scotland 6 Ireland 0

Thus England will meet Scotland in the final battle for supremacy.

In the first game (England v. Wales), Wales were unlucky not to have won, since their forwards were superior in attack throughout and hammered the English line continuously. Fruit was outstanding and led the rushes, ably backed up by Martin, Mumford and Ford. Walsham and Butcher, however, kept them at bay, relieving the pressure time and again with superb kicking.

Bailey, the English scrum-half, was injured in the face soon after the start of the game and retired. Woods was brought from the back to fill the position, which he did very ably.

### FIRST BLOOD FOR WALES

Wales scored first through a forward rush, Ford touching down. Robinson failed to convert, England did not draw level until after the start of the second half, when Northcott just got over the Welsh line on top of the corner flag. The goal kick failed.

Shortly after, Wainwright dribbled over for another try for England which Northcott converted.

Pressing to the very end, Wales snatched a last-minute opportunity when Martin answered his way along the touch to score a fine try close to the English corner flag. Hopkins failed with the goal kick and full time was sounded soon after, to dash the Welsh hopes of victory.

### FORWARDS SEVERELY TAXED

In the second game (Scotland v. Ireland), conditions had become much too bad for accurate handling, and the game taxed the forwards even more than before. In just about ten minutes, both teams were plastered with thick mud and well-nigh unrecognisable. The Scottish backs were superior to the Irish in handling, and were always the more dangerous when in possession.

Ireland's defence stood sound, however, through the constant vigilance of McGrath and Docherty in the centre, who dropped their opponents with unflinching regularity. Gray, at

## BOBBY JONES MAKES A SUGGESTION PROMOTE DEVELOPMENT OF GOLF IN SCHOOLS

(By Geoffrey Simpson)

London, Jan. 3.  
A new year resolution for golfers—to promote the development of the game in schools and colleges. That is not my suggestion; it comes from Bobby Jones, wonder golfer of his time, who has abandoned a law practice to become a director of golf propaganda.

When it comes to golf, Jones must be listened to as an authority, and though he does not explain how we are to persuade our public schools to take up golf, for which, generally speaking, they have not the slightest use, his views are worth studying.

American schools take golf so seriously that many of them employ a professional to give tuition to the students. They do this even in juvenile forms, and we are invited to bear witness to what the system has done for United States golf.

This we do gladly, admitting that the average American golfer develops more rapidly than his British counterpart, and at the same time reminding ourselves with a whispering aside that Henry Cotton was born in Cheshire.

### GOLF CLASSES

Instructional facilities in the schools have impressed Jones so much that he declares the future of American golf depends on them and on the development of public courses.

"Private clubs are definitely out of the picture," he says.

Another instructional plan of which he has great hopes is the inauguration by municipal authorities of golf evening classes. Instead of former school pupils going to evening classes to carry on their education, as they do here, American youngsters will have the chance of attending golf classes.

They have been started in several places already, and other municipal authorities are going to follow suit, engaging professionals to give the lessons. The charges to the pupils for small, but in the bulk the money means a nice fee for the professional, whose out-of-season income from golf can do with a rise.

Yet another development is the formation of factory and office classes for indoor golf tuition after business hours, showing to what lengths Americans will go to advance their golf standard.

When we visualise all this night-time golf study by the youth of America, our prospects in about 1943 do not look so good; but though we are obliged to Mr. Jones, it is to be doubted whether his ideas will be copied by our borough councils.



## SPORT ADVTs.

THE HONG KONG  
JOCKEY CLUBANNUAL RACE MEETING, 1938.  
10th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 26th  
February, 1938.

On Saturday 10th, Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd February, the first bell will be rung at 11 a.m., and the first race will be run at 11.30 a.m. On Saturday, 26th February, the first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m., and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

The fifth interval will be after the fifth race on the first four days of the Meeting.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND  
ENCLOSURES.

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax—or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively) are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a member, such member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27794) WILL CLOSE AT 10.00 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 12.00 NOON ON THE FIFTH DAY.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box, Tel. 21220.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting. No animals will be allowed on the Fifth Day.

## PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, Tie Tac men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tickets will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

## SERVANTS' PASSES

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 14th February, 1938.

Joel McCrea and Frances Dee head the cast of Frank Lloyd's epic "Wells Fargo," thrilling romance of transportation and the winning of the West, which is showing simultaneously at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres.

TURF TRAINING TIMES  
OLD PONIES REVEAL FINE FORM IN  
HAPPY VALLEY TRIALS

For the first time for many weeks, several of the old ponies appeared during the morning trials at Happy Valley on Saturday. Strathroy, Double Finesse and Centre Court returned very fine times for the mile, but their performances were overshadowed by that of Murray River on Thursday. One of the new Australians, this pony finished the mile in 1.57.4 with a last quarter of 29.2 seconds.

The best time for the China ponies was that of Just In Time which finished the mile in 2.09.2, returning a last quarter of 31.3 seconds.

The complete times were as follow:

	Dis- tance	1st Qr.	1/2 Mile	3/4 Mile	1 Mile	1 1/4 Miles	1 1/2 Miles	Last Qr.
Cameronian	G 1/4	35	1.09	1.43.4	2.17.2	2.48.2		31.3
Confusion Bay	G 1/4	38	1.14	1.47	2.16			29
Desert Chief	G 1/4	30	1.09.4	1.42.2	2.13	2.42		31.3
Half-Moon Eve	G 1/4	33.1	1.09.1	1.38.1	2.09.4	2.39.4		30
Humdrum Eve	G 1/4	28.1	59.3	1.33.4	2.08			34.1
Lucky	G 1/4	42	1.21	1.58	2.29.1			32.1
Tampa Bay	G 1/4	35.3	1.14.4	1.50	2.21.4			31.4
Colorado Star	A 1/4	33.3	1.05.3	1.35.4	2.04.4			29
Macquaire River	A 1/4	33.1	1.04.2	1.35.3	2.04.3			29
See That	A 1/4	44.4	1.21.2	1.56.2	2.27.4	2.57.4		30
Simonian Eve	A 1/4	33.1	1.09.1	1.38.1	2.09.4	2.39.4		29
Tornado Star	A 1/4	33.3	1.05.3	1.35.4	2.04.4			32.4
Charybdis	S 1/4	37.3	1.13.4	1.48.2	2.22	2.54.4		35
Cloudy Star	S 1/4	44.2	1.23.2	2.01.1	2.36.1			31.3
Deiko	S 1/4	35.2	1.09.3	1.41.1				37.3
Desert Star	S 1/4	45	1.27.2	2.07	2.44.3			37.3
Gobi Star	S 1/4	45	1.27.2	2.07	2.44.3			35
In The Bag	S 3/4	40	1.25	2.00				35
On Your Toe	S 3/4	40	1.25	2.00				35
Sahara Star	S 1/4	44.2	1.23.2	2.01.1	2.36.1			35
Wenning	S 3/4	36.3	1.09.2	1.41.3	2.02.4			27.4
Able Amazon	O 1/4	33	1.04.3	1.35	2.02.4			31
Bear Claw	O 1/4	34.3	1.08	1.40.2	2.11.2			30
Beat That	O 1/4	44.4	1.21.2	1.56.2	2.27.4	2.57.4		31
Bootsie Boy	O 1/4	37.2	1.10.2	1.43.1	2.15			31.4
Commencement								
Bay	O 1/4	34.4	1.09	1.43.3	2.16.1	2.46.2		30.1
Couring Eve	O 1/4	40	1.30	2.12.2	2.47.4			35.2
Dawn Star	O 1/4	38	1.14.1	1.49.4	2.14			31.3
King's Bounty	O 3/4	35.2	1.09.3	1.41.1				32.4
Liberty Bay	O 1/4	34.4	1.07.4	1.39.4	2.09.3			29
Red Feather	O 1/4	38	1.14	1.47	2.16			31.3
Rose Evelyn	O 1/4	37.2	1.14.1	1.48.4	2.20.2			30
Soldier of Honour	O 1/4	33.1	1.06.1	1.38.1	2.09.4	2.39.4		30.1
Twilight Star	O 1/4	42.3	1.13	1.50.3	2.20.4			31.4
Tyne	O 1/4	38.3	1.14.4	1.50	2.21.4			31.2
Ythan	O 1/4	36.3	1.11.4	1.45.2	2.16.4			

## SATURDAY'S TRIALS

Advancing Time	G 1/4	35	1.09	1.41.3	2.12.2			30.4
Expression Time	G 3/4	34.3	1.07.4	1.38.3				30.4
J. C.	G 3/4	35.3	1.12.4	1.48.4				34
Jobber	G 1/4	34.3	1.08.2	1.41.2	2.14.3			33.1
Just In Time	G 1/4	32.2	1.06	1.37.4	2.09.2			31.3
Lancashire Lass	G 1/4	43	1.21	1.55.1	2.24.2			20.1
Moonlight View	G 1/4	36.2	1.13.4	1.49.3	2.23	2.53.1		30.2
National Defence	G 1/4	42	1.20	1.55.2	2.29.1	2.59.3		30.2
National Pride	G 1/4	42	1.20	1.55.2	2.29.1	2.59.3		31.3
Silkylight	G 1/4	37	1.10.2	1.42.2	2.15.1	2.47		31.3
Sunlight View	G 1/4	30.3	1.18	1.49.2	2.26.2	2.57.2		31
The Giant Panda	G 1/4	40	1.19.4	1.58.2	2.31.3	3.05		33.2
A Better Time	A 1/4	38	1.11	1.42.2	2.11.2			29
A Lovely Time	A 1/4	35.2	1.10	1.41.3	2.10.4			29.1
Alber	A 1/4	37	1.10	1.41.2	2.12	2.41		28.3
Arina	A 1/4	39	1.11	1.41.4	2.10.2			27.2
Bredon	A 3/4	34	1.03.3	1.31				31.3
Cape York	A 1/4	37	1.10.2	1.42.2	2.15.1	2.47		31.3
Criffel	A 1/4	39	1.13	1.44.3	2.15	2.45		31.3
King's Privilege	A 1/4	45	1.27.3	2.05	2.37.2	3.05.2		28
Little Audrey	A 1/4	36.2	1.10.2	1.41.4	2.08.4			29.2
Maya	A 3/4	35.1	1.09.3	1.39				29.2
Olga	A 1/4	44	1.27	2.04	2.39	3.08.2		27.4
Sea Spray	A 1/4	39	1.13.2	1.45.3	2.13.2			27.4
Sea Urelin	A 1/4	39	1.13.2	1.45.3	2.13.2			27.4
Sydney Bridge	A 1/4	34	1.09.1	1.41.2	2.11.2			30
The Butler	A 1/4	40	1.11.2	1.48	2.20	2.48.2		28.2
Acme	S 1/4	39.2	1.14.2	1.49.2	2.22.2			33
African Cat	S 1/4	35	1.15	1.50	2.25	2.50.3		33.3
All Baba	S 1/4	39	1.19.4	1.47.3	2.21			33.2
Be Yourself	S 1/4	39	1.14.2	1.49	2.23			34
Borachillo	S 1/4	41.1	1.16	1.49.3	2.22.3			33.2
Cape Comorin	S 1/4	30	1.10.4	1.53	2.29.4	3.03.3		33.4
Caplain Blood	S 3/4	34.8	1.07	1.41				33.4
Celebration Day	S 1/4	42.3	1.21	2.15.2	2.51.3	3.25		33.4
Cleve	S 3/4	42	1.27	2.05	2.39	3.01.3		33.4
Cricket	S 3/4	42	1.27	2.05	2.39	3.01.3		33.4

UNITED STATES WINS  
HOCKEY MATCHES

Prahara, Czechoslovakia, Feb. 13.  
The United States has won two matches in the World Hockey Championship.

She beat Norway by seven goals to one, and last night beat Latvia by one nil.

The Americans will play Germany on Monday.—United Press.

RYDER CUP  
GOLFER  
LOSESFirst Title For  
Jimmy Demaret

San Francisco, Feb. 13.  
In the \$5,000 Open Golf Tournament final here to-day, Jimmy Demaret, 27 years of age, of Houston, Texas, won his first major tournament by defeating Sam Snead, the American Ryder Cup player, by four and three.

Demaret won \$1,000 and Snead \$500.

In the first nine holes, Demaret gained a three-up lead by virtue of an under-par 35, and finished 18 holes two up on his opponent.

On the nineteenth, he cupped an eight-foot putt, while Snead was trapped.

At the 26th, Demaret was three up. In this hole, Snead drove his ball into the weeds, recovered, only to fall with a two-foot putt. Demaret was thus four up.

There was a gale blowing the whole day long, and rains were almost like cloud-bursts.—United Press.

## NEARLY A RIOT

Disturbance At Shanghai  
Boxing Match

Shanghai, Feb. 12.  
The French Concession Police narrowly averted a riot in the Cantonee Gardens last night when they prevented a clash between the United States Marines and the Italian Savoy Grenadiers.

The trouble arose following the bout between Chuck Haines, U.S. Marines and China Lightweight title holder, and Gaspar Allesandri, an Italian Grenadier. Allesandri was knocked out in the third round, whereupon the Italians claimed that Haines had fouled. The proceedings nearly developed into a riot.—United Press.

ADAMSON CUP  
GOLF

In the Adamson Cup February Qualifying Round, played at Happy Valley from February 4 to 13, J. F. Smedley qualified with a score of 76—16=60 on the shortened course.

Cuban Love	S 1/4	41	1.10.2	1.55.4	2.29.3	3.03		33.2
Dark Hazard	S 1/4	38.2	1.14.2	1.49.2	2.22.2			33
Eagle	S 3/4	42	1.20.4	1.58.1				37.2
Easy Time	S 1/4	35.3	1.13.3	1.50	2.23.2			33.2
Ferrybridge	S 1/4	35.4	1.12	1.45.2	2.19.2			34
Final Triumph	S 1/4	36.2	1.12.4	1.48	2.20.2			32.2
Five Rulers	S 1/4	37	1.11.4	1.46	2.21			35
Golden Cow	S 3/4	38	1.08.1	1.40				31.4
Iron Knight	S 1/4	43.2	1.31	2.16.2	2.51.2	3.25		33.4
Jack High	S 3/4	37	1.10.1	1.38.3				32.3
Labor Day	S 1/4	40.1	1.26	1.58.3				32.3
Lancashire Chap	S 1/4	40.2	1.15	1.49.4	2.23.4			34
Louis XIV	S 3/4	36	1.10.2	1.44.2				34.2
Lucky Eleven	S 1/4	39	1.14.2	1.49	2.23			34
Lucky Seven	S 1/4	39	1.14.2	1.49	2.23			34
Mac's Second								
Venture	S 3/4	35.1	1.08.4	1.41.4				35
Merrick	S 1/4	37	1.13.4	1.49.4	2.24	2.57.2		33.2
Mongolian Cat	S 1/4	38	1.15	1.50	2.25	2.58.3		33.3
Mustard	S 1/4	44.3	1.25.2	2.00.4	2.34			33.1
National Dignity	S 1/4	40.3	1.19	1.56	2.30.3	3.04.1		33.3
National Force	S 3/4	37.3	1.13.1	1.43.2				30.1
National Guard	S 3/4	37.2	1.13.1	1.48.4				35.3
National Triumph	S 3/4	37.2	1.13.1	1.48.4				35.3
Planchet	S 1/4	39	1.14	1.49.2	2.22.4	2.55.2		32.3
Reddiana	S 1/4	37	1.11.4	1.41	2.21			34
Salvage Master	S 3/4	34.3	1.05.3	1.39.2				33.4
Sea Dragon	S 3/4	34.4	1.05.3	1.39.2				34.1
Smiling Thru	S 3/4	36.1	1.13.1	1.47.2				33.4
Split Hand	S 3/4	34.4	1.05.3	1.39.2				34.2
The Great Triumph	S 3/4	36	1.10.2	1.44.2				30.4
The Leopard	S 1/4	42	1.19.3	1.55.1	2.29			34
The Scholar	S 3/4	34.3	1.07	1.41				34

## OLD PONIES

Strathroy	1	35	1.04.3	1.32.3	2.01			28.2
Gold Coin	1	40	1.10	1.50.3	2.23			32.2
Wild Cat	1	42.3	1.19	1.54.3	2.31.3			37
Expansion Time	3/4	35.3	1.09.4	1.40.3				30.4
Potentate	3/4	33.2	1.00	1.38				32
Bag Tor	3/4	34	1.05.3	1.35.2				28.4
Trentbridge	3/4	37.3	1.12.1	1.43.1				31
Night View	1 1/4	43	1.24	2.02.2	2.38	3.07.2		29.2
Gladiator	1 1/4	36	1.10.2	1.42	2.13.1			29.1
Ranger	1 1/4	36	1.08.	1.38	2.04.3			31.3
Gold Sovereign	1	38.2	1.15.1	1.49.3	2.21.1			29.1
Double Finesse	1	32.4	1.0.4	1.32.2	2.00			27.2
Tabby Cat	1 1/4	37	1.14.2	1.50.4	2.24.2	2.56.2		32
Zodiac	3/4	34.4	1.02.2	1.30.3				28.1
Coronation Day	3/4	36	1.08.1	1.40				31.4
King's Lead	1 1/4	33.1	1.06.3	1.42.4	2.17.3	2.49.3		32
Vixen Tor	3/4	39.2	1.19	1.54				32.4
Yum King	1	41.4	1.10.4	1.48	2.20.4			33
Rob Roy	1 1/4	36.2	1.10.3	1.45	2.17.4	2.48.2		30.3
Racing Boy	3/4	37.3	1.12.3	1.43.3				31
Havoc Eve	1 1/4	32	1.05.2	1.38.1	2.09.4	2.42.3		32.4
Royal Scot	1 1/4	35.2	1.09.2	1.43.1	2.10.2	2.48.2		32.4
Royal Highness	3/4	34.2	1.05.2	1.38.3				31.2
Sylvandale	1 1/4	40	1.19.4	1.58.2	2.31.2	3.01.4		30.1
Landeshire Chips	3/4	31.4	1.00.1	1.28				29.2
New Star	1	35.4	1.12.2	1.42.2	2.12			30.3
Soldier of Britain	3/4	33.3	1.00	1.30				29
King's Warden	1	34	1.09.1	1.41.2	2.11.2			30
Australian Boy	1	40.2	1.24.4	2.05.3	2.41.4			36.1
Whitney	1 1/4	40	1.17	1.53.2	2.29	3.01.2		32.2
King's Coronation	1 1/4	39	1.14	1.49.2	2.22.4	2.55.2		32.2
Centre Court	1	33	1.04	1.34	2.01.3			27.3
Aztec	1 1/4	43	1.22	1.59	2.32	2.58.2		29.2
Laughing Girl	3/4	32.2	1.04.4	1.36.2				31.3
Centre Forward	1	44.3	1.35.2	2.04	2.34			33.3
Scenic View	1	34	1.07.1	1.39	2.12.3			33.3
Plain View	1	34.1	1.07.1	1.39	2.12.3			33.3
Mac's Adventure	1	34.2	1.10	1.47.3	2.21			35.2





# VALENTINE

from Llewelyn  
POWYS

Here is set forth the lusty lore of every February the Fourteenth. And it is of note that Victorian Valentines were not always kind! The verses reproduced from the one on the left are gentle enough: But the rude legend on the right must have levied many a tear!



The needle was thought to be true to the pole. Yet it varies, they tell us, where Arctic seas roll; But constancy lives in the true honest heart, And unlike the needle it clings to its part.

THERE is a tradition that the little god of Love was once stung by a bee and, in startled consternation at the unusual pain, dropped his bow and arrow and ran to his mother full of protests and tears.

Aphrodite, however, merely told him with one of her complicated smiles, that he, who was responsible for hurting so many people every day of the year, should have small reason to complain at a single wound from so inconsequent a scimitar.

Shakespeare wrote: "Men have died and been eaten by maggots, but not for love." How far experience confirms the poet's opinion it is difficult to ascertain.

There are those who believe that men and women often

come "to wear a green coat," as we say in the country, because of this heroic passion.

In any case, it has been proved, for times out of mind, that the hazards we daily run from the sling stones of Eros begin to multiply after Saint Valentine's Day.

It is of as little use trying to explain why this should be so as it is to discover why the perilous day should ever have been associated with the unfortunate Bishop who, in the second century, was first chastised and then beheaded.

Custom prompts us to celebrate our awareness of the "open secret" by pretty representations of hearts and arrows; though, alas! and for shame, our modern sophisticated cards are not always as perfect as they should be.

A strictly orthodox perfect Valentine should be enfolded

layer upon layer, in the limp, lovelorn, lace-like paper such as is apt to surround wedding cakes, with "the heart of the matter" carefully hidden at the centre.

The tradition that the birds choose their mates on February 14 comes put to the truth. All winter, long my garden on the downs is populated by little round, jolly, plump, coconut, bacon fat-eating blue tits, and on two successive years I noticed that it is on February 14 that they disappear, preferring, so it seems, a lowly, less exposed country to the downs, for their spring-time play, as, with bill and claw and yellow-green breast, they delicately weave and pad a marriage-bed sagaciously concealed in cranny of wood or crevice of stone.

The wayward manners of house-top sparrows and Congo cuckoos are shared but by few English birds. From the swan to the swallow there are many pairs of these feathered creatures, who cling together through the years, for better, for worse.

It is truly touching to contemplate such faithful love matches expressed so prettily by chattering song, by brief airy flights, and by shining berry-bright eyes, during those swift fresh days when the gardens are smelling of wallflowers and snow-on-the-mountain and each wayside ditch is golden with celandines.

The poet Donne has celebrated February 14 with the following practised and characteristic verses:—

"Hail, Bishop Valentine whose day this is!  
All the air is thy diocese  
And all the chirping choristers  
And other birds are thy parishioners;  
Thou mak'st the blackbird speed as soon  
As doth the goldfinch or the halcyon."

It is part of the ancient ritual of this "quaint day" that the first boy that a girl sees on leaving her chamber must be her Valentine for the year, and will have a right throughout the ensuing twelve months to demand many a charming privilege.

On this account some fearful ladies can scarce be persuaded to leave their beds on this treacherous morning until they have found out for certain that there is no chance of an unwanted encounter.

As far back as 1754 we read of this maidenly anxiety:—  
"We also wrote our lovers' names upon bits of paper, and rolled them up in clay and put them into water; and the first that rose up was to be our Valentine. Would you think it?—Mr. Blossom was my man. I lay a-bed and shut my eyes all the morning, till he came to our house; for I would not have seen another man before him for all the world."

The Eye of St. Valentine's is favourable for love dreams! If a girl pins a bay leaf to the four corners of her fragrant pillow and one leaf in its centre, she will most certainly find herself walking with her sweetheart in that fair land where all the lanes are bluebell lanes, and all the meadows lie in the sun, thick grown with tall sorrel and other hayfield flowers. Nor are these dreamland assignments confined only to the

To-day's Thought—

EVERY man feels instinctively that all the beautiful sentiments in the world weigh less than a single lovely action.  
—J. R. LOWELL.

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any heads of provocative, half-awakened girls. Poetical boys also find themselves drawn irresistibly to the bowers where their sweet friends sleep.

An Elizabethan poet writes:

"My lips I'll softly lay  
Upon her heavenly cheek,  
Dyed like the dawning day,  
As polish'd ivory sleek:  
And in her ear I'll say,  
"Oh, thou bright morning-star!  
'Tis I that come so far  
My Valentine to seek."

In Caroline times it was the custom to give costly jewels as Valentine gifts.

Miss Stuart received from the Duke of York a jewel valued at eight hundred pounds, and the same desirable girl, who afterwards became the Duchess of Richmond, received from Lord Mandeville a ring worth three hundred pounds.

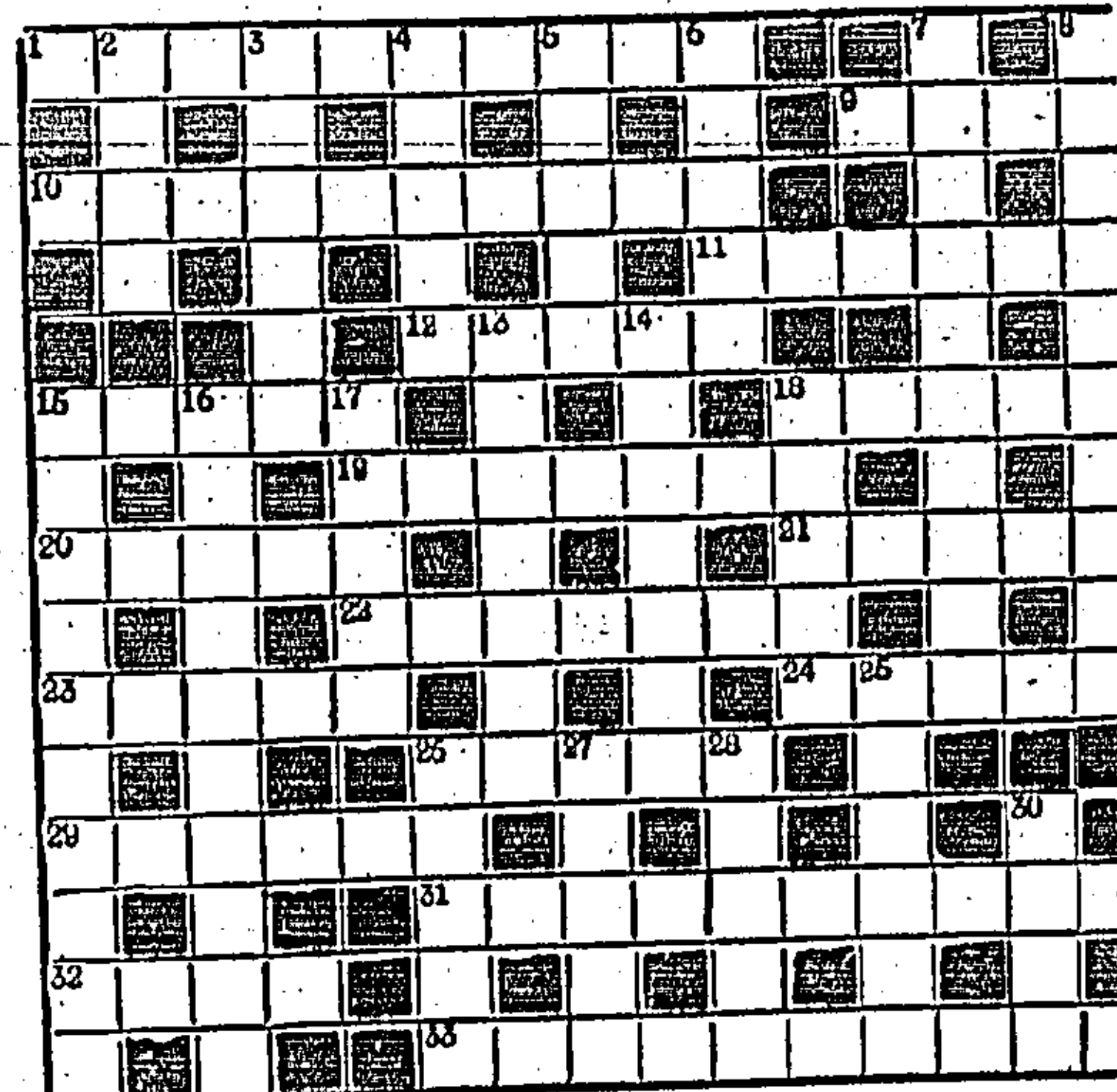
Pepys in the February of 1669 has the following entry in his diary: "This evening my wife did with great pleasure

show me her stock of jewels, increased by the ring she hath made lately, as my Valentine's gift this year, a Turkey-stone set with diamonds. It is fit the wretch should have something to content herself with."

It is in the middle of February that there comes to us at the flower-selling corner-kiosks of our city streets, on broad gun-splashed country roads, and in windy colts-foot fields, the first tremulous intimation that the spring is really and truly approaching. Again the voices of children are heard playing out of doors after tea.

From root to top-most twig the sap is stirring in the hedgerows, and already on the branch of the elder bush that shelters the garden bank, where there comes each evening at the twilight hour a speckled thrush to sing her heart-breaking song of love, little purple buds are showing, and each day appear larger and firmer.

## OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS



### ACROSS

- 1 To talk of volunteering under (10).
- 2 A word would be contradictory (10).
- 3 One may hear this rot on it in summer (4).
- 4 Flies met and confused (10).
- 5 Book of O.T. (6).
- 6 He indulged in poetic flights (6).
- 7 Half of a good tug-of-war (5).
- 8 The result of his work crops up sooner or later (5).
- 9 Fundamental (7).
- 10 Abode with no fortunate interior (5).
- 11 Town of the U.S.A. (5).
- 12 Where one may study the ups and downs of flying (7).
- 13 The fellow on the other side (5).
- 14 Often high features of woman's lowest cares (5).
- 15 A bad woman not in her most correct form (5).
- 16 Garment that could be worn by the first half (6).
- 17 "Sign or code" (anag.) (10).
- 18 More, and less, than one (4).
- 19 If without the fifth letter this might settle differences (10).

### DOWN

- 1 Not a good word, but usual in court (4).
- 2 Water can be got from part of this stone (6).
- 3 A sticker (5).
- 4 Not the first thing one learns in a language (5).
- 5 A great river (5).
- 6 It is through this that many people show interest in their neighbours' doings (10).
- 7 Where motorists should be slow to show consideration to others (10).
- 8 Not necessarily a neat soldier (7).
- 9 Surround (7).
- 10 It is seldom the party forming this that takes exception to the rule (10).
- 11 A spur can be this, as horse-men know (10).
- 12 Some call it laziness, and there's a lot in it (5).
- 13 Can be made silent (6).
- 14 A medical preparation (5).
- 15 Contested with one spot in the middle (5).
- 16 Most of this time is near (5).
- 17 Ban (4).

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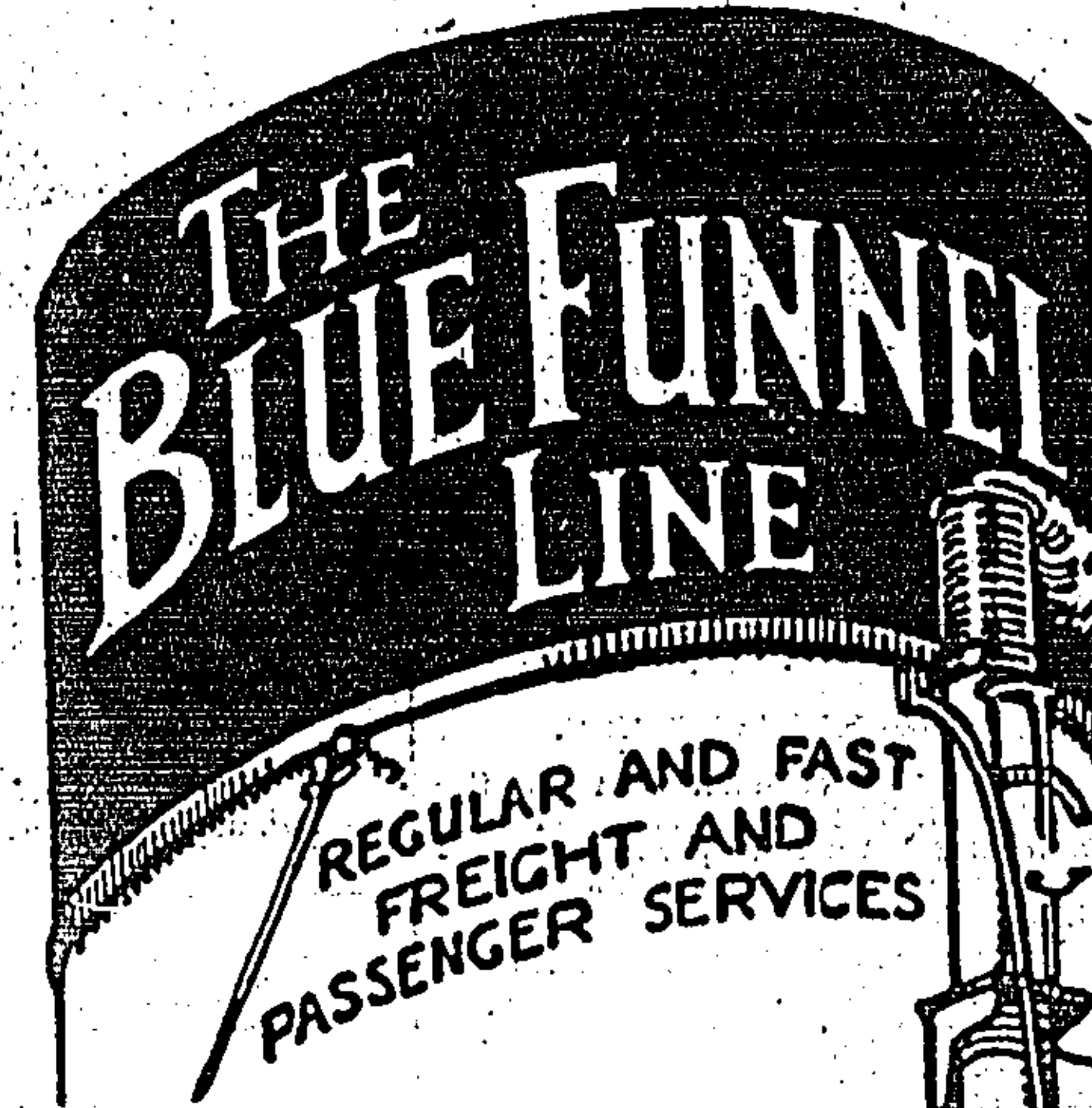
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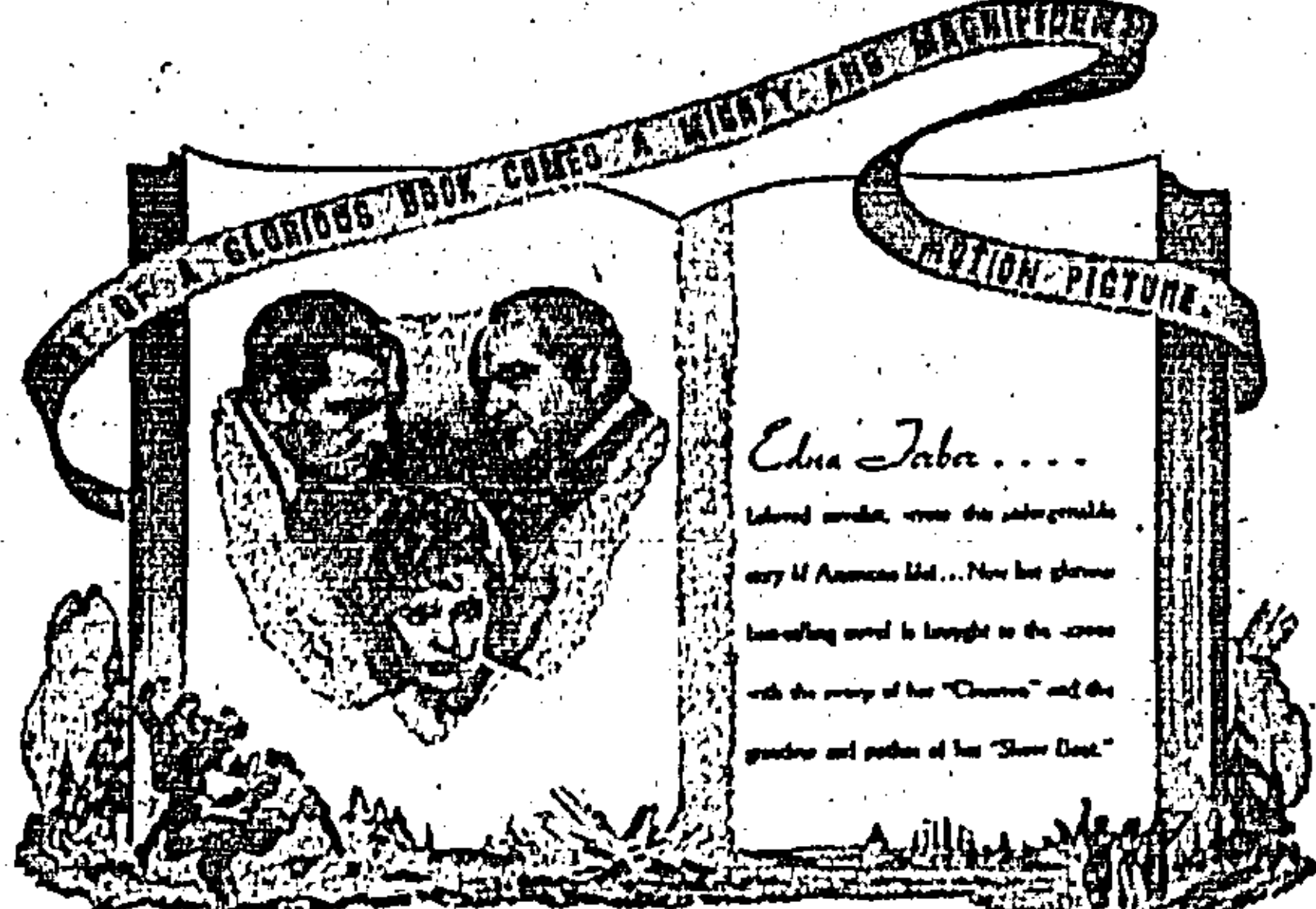






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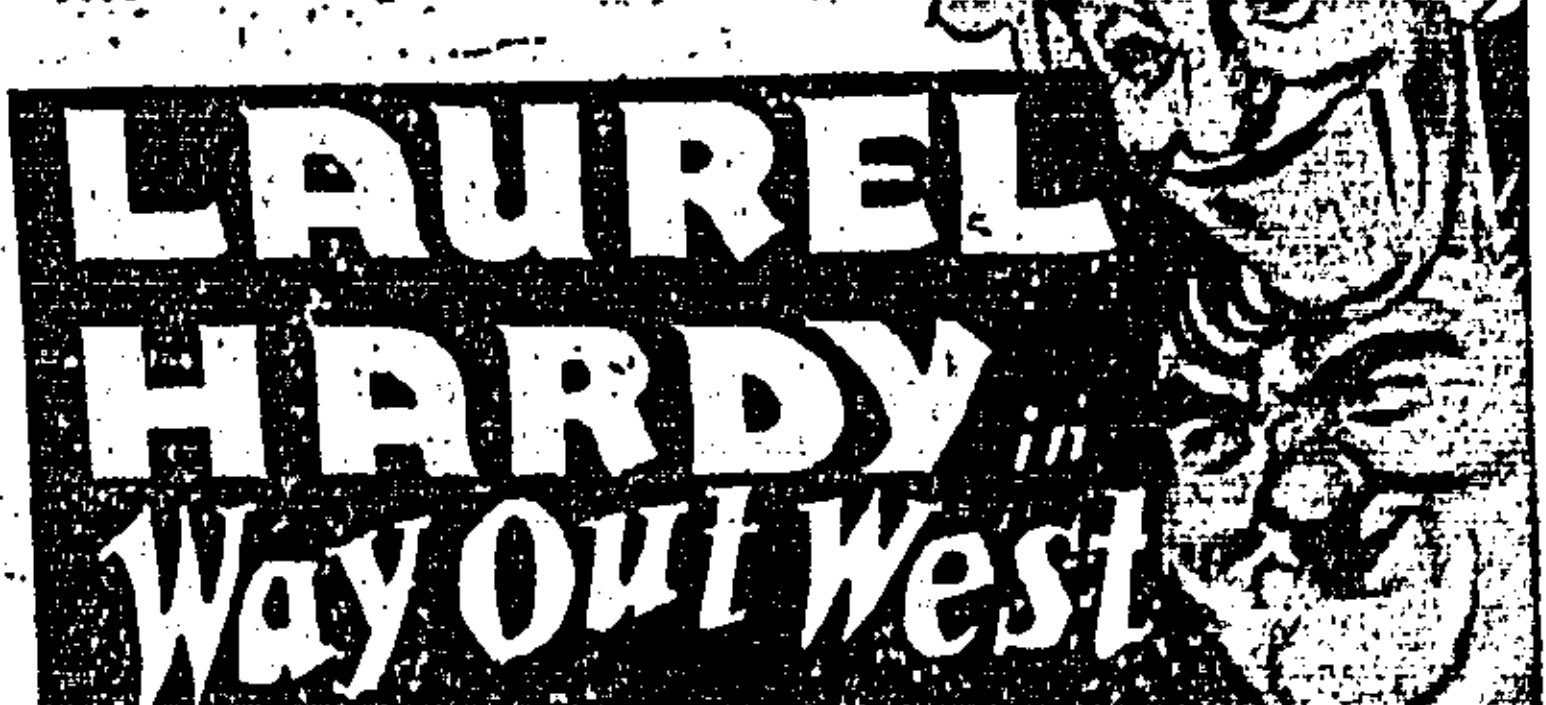


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## 20 NATIONS CONDEMN JAPANESE AGGRESSION

London, Feb. 13. Twenty nations were represented on the platform at a mass meeting attended by 2,500, at Covent Garden Opera House to-day, at which Lord Cecil presided, and condemned Japanese aggression as "a deliberate attempt by Japan to enforce her will by arms, irrespective of all international control."

A collection on behalf of China raised £345. Lord Cecil added that their purpose was to stop war, and if they did not succeed he urged citizens of all the countries represented at the meeting to clear themselves of complicity in the Japanese crime.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, M.P., said they had no quarrel with the people and Government of Japan, but they wanted the economic and financial resources of the peaceful nations of the world to be used for other purposes than those of war. Mr. Morrison advocated an international police force and urged that they should not advance loans to Japan. M. Jean Perrin, speaking on behalf of the scientists of the world, said: "For our own sakes we must help China if we do not want to become the slaves of the Asiatic world, which had become totalitarian."

### CHINA IS HOPE OF WORLD

Mr. Quo Tai-chi, Chinese Ambassador to London, declared that the militant spirit of outraged liberalism stirred again, and that China must be the world's hope, and not the world's reproach. The world should guarantee that war materials would reach China and not Japan. "In our day peace must be a stern thing, positive and not passive. Save peace and save China are one and the same thing."

### DR. WELLINGTON KOO'S POINTED SPEECH

Dr. Wellington Koo said the Covenant of the League was not an ineffective instrument to prevent war, but its effectiveness depended on the loyalty of the members of the League. Its ineffectiveness to deal with the Manchurian incident, the Abyssinian war and the present Chinese war was due to the unwillingness of the more important members of the League to apply the Covenant, and consideration of national interest had been allowed to prevail over the wisdom of upholding the international cause. In a system of collective security, the nations had to contribute little compared with what they would have to do to defend their interests single-handed. The League could be galvanised into a living force if peace-lovers co-operated and carried out the principles for which the League stood.

### PART OF COVENANT

There was no doubt that a peaceful weapon of boycott was one of the economic sanctions provided for by the Covenant to restrain aggression.

Mr. Paul Robeson, the famous negro singer sang several "freedom" songs, and was loudly applauded.

The meeting at the Covent Garden Opera House, and an overflow meeting at the Adelphi Theatre, endorsed the resolution passed earlier by the International Peace Campaign.

There was a remarkable scene at the close of the Covent Garden meeting. Viscount Cecil was apparently anxious to wind up with the National Anthem. Some of the audience, however, began singing the Internationale, and most of the audience joined in. Lord Cecil and others on the platform did not participate in the singing. A section of the audience had to wait until the majority had finished singing the Internationale before they could make themselves heard with the National Anthem.—Reuter.

## STRONG SYMPATHY FOR CHINA

London, Feb. 13. At the General Assembly of the International Peace Campaign in London to-day, Dr. Wellington Koo, Chinese Ambassador to France, and leading delegate to the League of Nations, said that the international rally had greatly heartened China.

Mr. Grambsch, a French Deputy, said the most peaceful country in the world had been invaded and made the victim of destruction. The burden of shame which had been added to that of Abyssinia and Spain must be removed. In the interests of their own national security, they should apply an embargo.

Mr. McLeod of Canada, in introducing the report of the Propaganda Committee said it was argued that a boycott would starve the Japanese people, but that was not true, as Government action would follow if the boycott was sufficiently widespread.

Lady Gladstone presented the report of the Consumers' Committee, which proposed that a boycott must be immediately organised. One of the most important of the recommendations was that people should sign a declaration not to purchase Japanese goods.

### APPEAL TO WOMEN

Mr. Noel Baker, M.P., intimated that they would point out to the women in the democratic countries that 80 per cent. of the world's silk came from Japan, and would ask them not to buy silk for some time to come. He would do all he could to introduce a Bill in Parliament stipulating that Japanese goods must be marked as Japanese.

The Trade Union Committee report differed on the boycott issue from the original draft, and even the modification which was finally reached failed to secure the support of the Swedish and Norwegian delegates.

The modification, instead of supporting a boycott as stated in the draft, expressed willingness to help China. But not being qualified to impose responsibility on their central trade union organisation, the delegates suggested that "every avenue be explored regarding the possibility of a boycott."

Mr. Gunnar Anderson, co-President of the Swedish Trade Union Congress, said the Swedish and Norwegian delegates had not supported the resolution as they were not empowered to do so by their unions.—Reuter.

had finished singing the Internationale before they could make themselves heard with the National Anthem.—Reuter.

## STOP PRESS NEWS

### EUROPEAN VICTIM OF SMALLPOX

Smallpox claimed a European victim during the week-end when Mr. R. M. King, a member of the staff of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Massey, was admitted to hospital suffering from the disease. It is understood that Mr. King has only a mild attack, and that his condition is not regarded as serious.

## MARSHAL CHIANG APPEALS

Japan Must Be Curbed Or World Will Suffer

Hankow, Feb. 14. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has sent a message to Viscount Cecil, Chairman of the International Boycott Conference in London, urging him and the delegates, immediately to adopt effective measures to curb "Japanese aggression and eventually to prevent a world catastrophe."

The Generalissimo, in his message, states: "On behalf of my 450,000,000 peace-loving fellow-countrymen, I wish to express to your conference our gratitude for your efforts to stop Japan's ruthless war of aggression. Besides seizing 500,000 square miles of territory in Manchuria six years ago, the Japanese have now invaded nine more provinces of equal size to the combined territory of Britain, France and Italy. We have been resisting the invader's attack to the best of our ability, and will continue to defend ourselves to the last man and to the last inch of our territory. "Whatever may be our sacrifice, our determination will not be shaken. We are fighting not only for our own liberty and existence, and for the safety of the invaded provinces, but for the common security of all nations. If Japan is permitted to tear up treaties as scraps of paper, and to violate with impunity the territorial integrity of her neighbour, which she is pledged to respect, it will not be long before the world will be plunged into the greatest catastrophe yet known in human history. "Only the spontaneous and unmistakable manifestation of the consensus of world opinion, coupled with concerted action of the most effective kind, can deter Japan from the folly of prosecuting her headlong policy of aggression, and to the impossibility of her military conquest of China."—Reuter.

## Japanese Will Increase War Compensations

Y17,000,000 To Pay For War Pensions

Tokyo, Feb. 14.

Providing for an increase of about Y17,000,000 in payment to the families of Japanese soldiers killed and wounded in action, a bill to revise the existing pension law has been presented to the Diet. The salient feature of the bill is its likeness to social welfare legislation, as it calls for increased compensation to the families of soldiers in the lower ranks of the service, and to families having three or more members.

Subject to approval by the Diet, the pension revisions will be put into effect on April 1. They will apply, not only to corps fighting in the present hostilities, but to the families of those who saw service in the Manchuria incident, the Sino-Japanese War of 1894 and the Russo-Japanese War. Compensation boosts ranging between 20 and 80 per cent. are called for in the measure.

An increase of 80 per cent. is made in payment to families of the class privates killed in action. The present law provides for payment of Y150 a year with increases of 30 per cent. for the first five years. The new law raises it to Y270 for this period.

### POORER CLASSES TO BENEFIT MOST

Families of second class privates slain in action will now receive Y165 a year with 30 per cent. increase for the first five years, would receive an 80 per cent. increase to Y297 without any limitation in the period of years.

Families of first class privates who now receive Y180, will increase to Y324. Survivors of non-commissioned officers who are killed, are now paid according to increases of 30 per cent. for the first five years, would benefit from increases from 45 to 55 per cent. under the new law in accordance with the policy of granting more to relatives of those in the lower branches of the service without any time limitation.

Increases of 40 per cent. are asked in payment to families of officers below the rank of major or lieutenant-commander, killed in action. Compensation paid them at present is under the 30 per cent. increase plan for the first five years.

Similar increases to the 30 per cent. are provided for in payments to families of slain officers below the rank of major-general or rear-admiral.

According to the terms of the proposed law, the families of officers above the rank of colonel and captain killed in action, would receive a 20 per cent. increase in their pensions.—Reuter.

### ISHBEL MACDONALD SOON TO WED

London, Feb. 13.

The engagement of Miss Ishbel Macdonald, daughter of the late Mr. Ramsay Macdonald, is announced to-day. She will marry Mr. Norman Ridgley, 34, a house decorator, and the ceremony will take place shortly.—Reuter.

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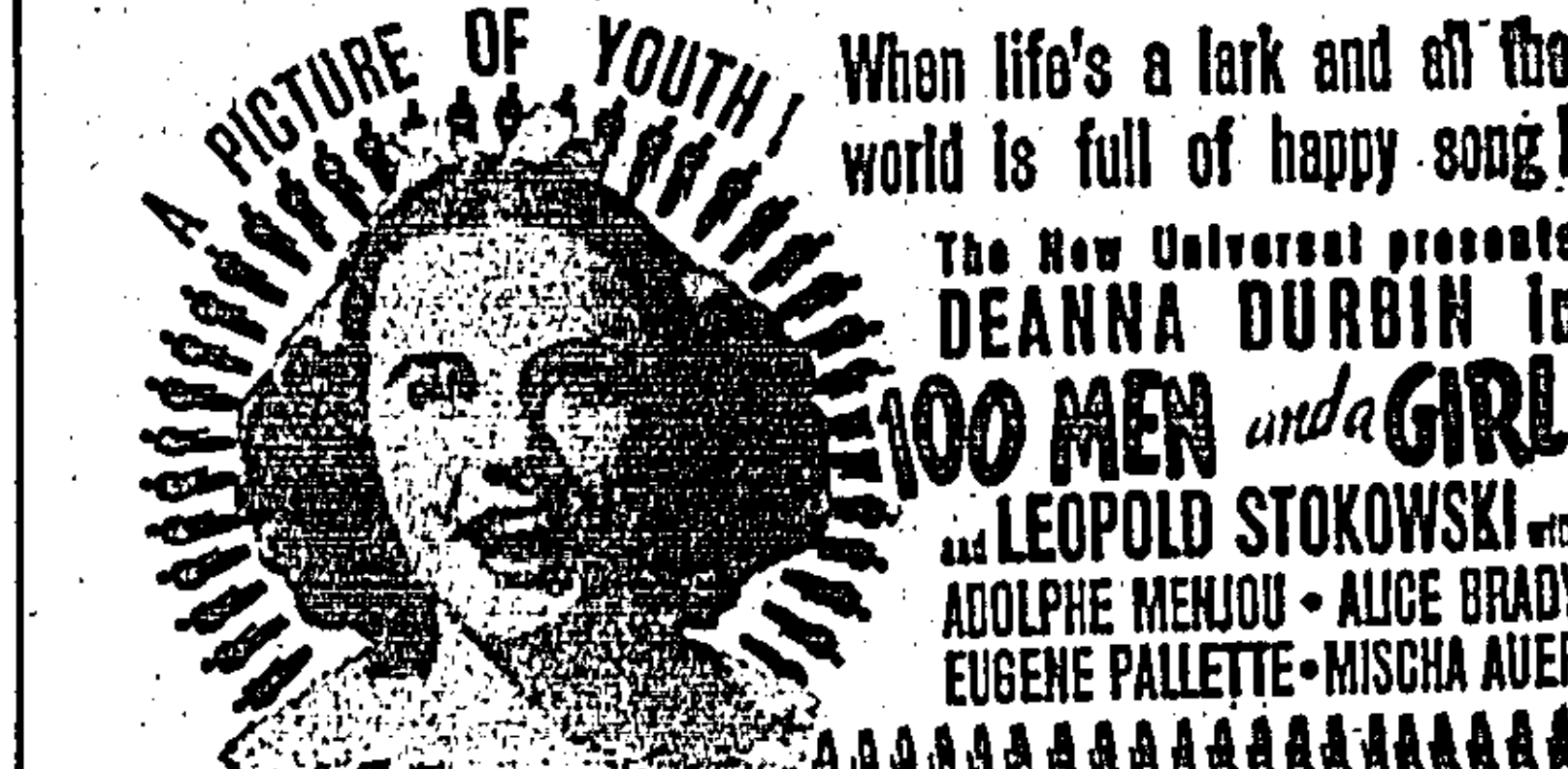
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## JAPANESE RUSH TO SHANGHAI

Special Vessels To Cope With Traffic

Shanghai, Feb. 14.

With all roads from Japan leading to Shanghai, the N.Y.K. has been compelled to charter additional vessels to cope with the rush of passengers and cargo to the Whangpoo port, according to a Japanese press report.

Of three newly chartered ships, the Mikagesan Maru, Saho Maru, and No. 18, the Mikagesan Maru was the first to arrive in Shanghai to-day. The second vessel is due on February 17. In addition to these vessels, the Chikugo Maru, Arima Maru and Yamagata Maru are already plying between Japanese ports and Shanghai.

The first liner from Europe to call at Shanghai will be the Katori Maru which is due in port on March 29.

Incoming vessels bring an average of 500 passengers and a vast quantity of fish, vegetables and other necessities for the local Japanese community. Ships returning to Japan carry few passengers and practically no freight. Only between 10 and 20 per cent. of available passenger and cargo space is in demand on ships returning to Japan.—Reuter.

## Navy Building Conversations To Continue

London, Feb. 13.

Japan's reply to Britain regarding naval building has been received in London, but as yet there has been no time for consideration of the reply by British officials.

It is understood that consultations between Britain, France and America which started before the query was put to Japan, will be continued, and it is pointed out that as Germany and Russia are linked to the Naval Treaty of 1936, there will obviously, at some later date, have to be communications with these two Powers.—Reuter.

## CANE FOR THIEF WHO SNATCHED HAND-BAG

Ignominy, in the shape of a rattan cane, will be the lot of the punishment year-old bag-snatcher who was convicted at the Central Magistracy this morning if he is fit for it.

Kwong, who pleaded guilty to snatching a hand-bag from Miss Annie Leung as she stood talking to a friend in Chung Ching Street, has been remanded for medical observation to discover whether he is well enough to be beaten.

The snatch-thief was chased and arrested by a tally-man named Lau Hing, who suffered injuries to his leg whilst struggling with the man. Lau Hing's injuries prevented him from being present in Court this morning, when the Magistrate, Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, commended his action.

### SNATCHERS ACTIVE

Another victim of snatch-thiefs was Miss I. Battley, of Sai Yee Street, who has reported that an unknown Chinese snatched her purse, containing money and several articles of value, as she was walking down Nathan Road.

## Banishes Gaoled

Bad Characters Back In H.K.

Several banishes were charged with breach of the deportation order when they appeared before the Puland Judge, Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell at the Sessions this morning. Lo Chung, banished from Hongkong for life in October 1936, arrested on January 1, was given four years imprisonment with hard labour.

Loung Choi, banished from Hongkong for life in December 1937, arrested in the Colony on December 20, 1937, was sentenced to five years' imprisonment with hard labour. His Lordship remarked that he seemed to be a singularly desperate character, having been sent to prison for one month in 1924 for throwing corrosive acid, and given 15 years for attempted murder the same year.

Leung Sang, banished in May 1937, for ten years, and arrested in January this year was sentenced to three years with hard labour.

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